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Lakeview Doing Double Time and Cleaning Up

By Marshall E Pope
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I look forward to Clean-Up Day. It sets a target date to focus on to make all that accumulated 'stuff' go-away. No trip to the landfill required. Evidently many of our neighbours think the same. Ann and the Clean-Up Day organizers and volunteers found a line of 40 cars and trucks at 9 am on May 8th. This pace continued throughout the day. We had to turn away 30 cars when the City of Calgary trucks pulled away at 2 pm. A full trailer of tires, a full giant bin of metal and hundreds of electronic items were recycled! A huge shout-out to everyone who volunteered and attended Clean-Up Day. The weather was the typical Calgary brand of April with 5 degrees and raining for most of the day. Thank you also to Lewis Drive for putting up with the day long line of vehicles.

Normally April weather is the challenge for Lakeview Soccer. This year as we have

become accustomed, there are delays to the starting date due to new mandates. Allison and the soccer organizers have done an amazing job being flexible. Please look for email updates as things unfold.

While we were enjoying the 'first' spring this year the call went out to install our new skateboard ramps in our new hockey rink. The call came from the kids of course who were already oillie'ing and shread-ing the harsh realm and could not wait to show their new skills. Thanks to all hands that came out to do some heavy lifting and clean-up. Thanks also to Ian for building these ramps and doing some modifications this year that have made things safer for all types of users.

A reminder that the Lakeview Community Association Membership Drive has started. Memberships are as important as ever as we find ourselves navigating the fiscal challenges of the time. Please engage with the LCA and get your membership this year.

The Guidebook for Great Communities has received much attention at City Hall and

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from our councillor this month. There has been a request from a multi-community group (38) to the LCA Board of Directors (BOD) to request additional time for the public to review the content of the Guidebook. This extra time can also be used to review any of the revisions that will be made from recent public engagement efforts. The LCA BOD will be reviewing this request at the May board meeting. For more information from the City of Calgary website please consult (<https://engage.calgary.ca/guidebook><https://engage.calgary.ca/guidebook>)

Please consider volunteering with the Lakeview Community Association Board of Directors or Executive. There will be positions available for president and board positions at the LCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) in September. I am happy to discuss if you have questions and/or are interested.

We are lucky to live in Lakeview. This is a place where you can experience not only a double winter, but a double spring! We can only hope for a double summer. Clean up complete. Now on to the yard work!

Regards.

Marshall Pope

President – Lakeview Community Association



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Community Calendar

LCA Board Meeting - June 14, 7:00-9:00 pm, Virtual

Membership Drive - April 15-July 15, 2021, Online

Newsletter Submissions

Send submissions to the editor; please email lakeviewnews@lakeviewYYC.ca

June 9 2021 is the deadline for submissions for the July 2021 edition.

Volunteers

The Lakeview Community Association is always looking for volunteers. If you are able to volunteer for the many events that Lakeview holds, for building or grounds maintenance, to be on a Lakeview committee, such as Traffic, for our membership drive, or simply to bake treats for the bake sales, please email Nadia at info@lakeviewYYC.ca to get onto our volunteer database.

The News & Views LOVES local written submissions: lakeviewnews@lakeviewyyc.ca

Lathom Crescent Pot Bangers

By Mary King

More than a year ago, at the beginning of Covid when the pot banging in support of the frontline workers was a phenomenon across much of the world, two little girls and their parents started banging pots on Lathom Crescent.

Their close neighbours heard them

and joined in. Now over a year later we are still banging our pots, but it has turned out to be so much more. In our little group of 6 houses we have had deaths, cancer and one heck of a lot of support for each other. We are out every night at 7 with our pots to support front line workers, but also to make sure we are all doing ok.

We all knew each other before covid, but this has shown me what community really is.

A covid gift.

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Board of Directors Meeting

Board of director meetings are held at the Lakeview Community Association Field House on the second Monday of every month and are open to the public.

Lakeview Facility Rentals

The Lakeview Community Association is pleased to offer its facilities for rent to both members and non-members. The Main Hall at 6110 34 St. S.W. is ideal for large meetings, seminars, social and recreational events. The multi-purpose room provides a private atmosphere and is suitable for small informal meetings, birthday parties, craft workshops, etc. Phone (403) 242-8660 or email: info@lakeviewYYC.ca

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BOARD MEMBERS WANTED

We are looking for Lakeview members who want to:

- Help build a strong community
- Look at the “big-picture”
- Work within our vision
- Provide direction and inspiration
- Advocate for community issues
- Use your energy, expertise and knowledge to make an impact
- Participate in sub-committees like Social media, events, or governance

If you are interested in joining the Lakeview Community Association’s Board of Directors for the upcoming year, please contact Nadia at 403-242-8660 or info@lakeviewYYC.ca

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Hello, neighbours! (Dark Sky Project)

The Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society is applying to become a Nocturnal Preserve. This is a designation given by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) to areas where night-time light levels are low enough to support the nocturnal behaviours of local wildlife.

This will protect the community's enjoyment of the outdoors at night as well! The most recent nighttime light readings indicate that the park is on the threshold of the RASC's night-time illumination level limit. We need the help of our "buffer zone" communities (Oakridge and Lakeview) to bring the "core zone" (the Weaselhead) below the illumination threshold and become Calgary's first dark sky community!

Why is maintaining a dark sky so important? For the approximately 3.7 billion years life has existed on earth, composition of the atmosphere, global temperatures and geological formations have changed dramatically, but earth's daily cycle of light and darkness has remained constant. The introduction of artificial light at night (ALAN) is changing billions of years of adaptation, and we are just starting to understand how important these periods of darkness are to us and

the species we share our illuminated spaces with.

In humans, even low levels of ALAN can disrupt our body's ability to regulate the hormones and immune functions we need to stay healthy. This can lead to increased risk of developing cancer, autoimmune and infectious diseases.¹

As you might imagine, the impact of ALAN on wildlife can be harmful as well. Prey are not able to hide from predators as easily in illuminated spaces. Birds and insects that use the stars to navigate become disoriented and migration routes are altered. ALAN may also be a major contributor to the decline in moth populations, which are important nocturnal pollinators.² The behaviours of our beloved robin are being disturbed, with birds singing earlier and louder, resulting in changes to breeding behaviour and energy expenditure.³

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How can you help? Go for a nighttime stroll and make some observations: How bright is the moon compared to your neighbourhood lighting? What wildlife do you see or hear? What feelings or memories does the night sky evoke for you? Consider the impact of your home's lighting and what changes you could make. Some easy modifications include:

— Only have lights on when needed: consider installing a motion sensor or timer

— Direct light fixtures downwards instead of up or shield light to prevent it illuminating where not needed

— Change outdoor lights to bulbs that emit a warmer spectrum of light instead of blue/white light

Look for more DIY solutions to light abatement on our website and Facebook page. We hope to see you at our upcoming "night sky"

events where you can learn about the wildlife that's up and about while we're asleep. We hope will join us to create Calgary's first dark sky community and the first urban nocturnal preserve in Canada!

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Cliff Swallows – Highly Social Master Masons

By Diane Stinson

Cliff Swallows are very social, with colonies of over 3,500 pairs reported. These birds return to Calgary from South America by the second week of May. Soon after arriving in Lakeview, they investigate existing nests under the vertical sides of the Weaselhead (Barry Erskine) bridge. They will either refurbish the gourd-shaped nest or the male and female will construct a new one. In addition to bridges, they build nests on highway culverts, cliffs, the undersides of piers, and buildings with overhangs to protect the nest from rain.

As master masons, Cliff Swallows make nests out of mud globs obtained from puddles, pond edges, and stream sides. They roll the mud into a ball with their beaks and vibrate their head to get the water out, aiding the drying. The swallows press these pellets together to form the nest. The birds nesting in the Weaselhead have a ready supply of mud from the sides of the Elbow River. They take a single trip for each glob, amounting to around 900-1200 trips. One study documented up to 2500 trips for a nest!

There is a small entrance tunnel on one side. The actual cavity/cup inside is lined with grass and feathers. Once they have enough mud for the bird to be in the cup, the breeding cycle starts. This timing can vary between pairs, thus the young in the colony can hatch and fledge at different times.

Cliff Swallows have a square tail with slight notch, long roundish wings, a whitish forehead that looks like a headlight, rusty brown cheeks, a blue-back cap, dark throat, and a pale buffy-orange rump with pale underparts.

The wings and tail are drab dark brown. Their length is 13 cm (5"); wingspan 11-12" (28-30 cm).

Interesting Cliff Swallow Tidbits:

1. Only 5% of birds in the world use mud for nests.
2. They vocalize with a twitter-squeak song, similar to the sound made by rubbing on a balloon. The alarm call is a brief purr.
3. The 3-5 eggs are incubated for up to 16 days. Both the male and female feed the young flying insects that they catch while skimming over the water or in the air. They also can forage on the ground, ingesting grit to aid digestion.
4. They breed throughout North America from Alaska to Mexico and all across Canada, wintering in Brazil and Argentina.
5. If you have heard of the "Swallows of Capistrano", Cliff Swallows are the birds that return annually to the Capistrano Mission in California.

Cliff Swallow nests - Diane





Cliff Swallows collecting mud - Diane



Cliff Swallow at nest entrance - Diane

Some Birds to Keep an Eye Out for in late May and June: The *Cliff Swallows* flying around and nesting at the Weaselhead Bridge, all three of our spring hummingbird species – *Calliope*, *Rufous*, and *Ruby-throated* (check the Weaselhead and neighbourhood gardens), *White-throated Sparrows*, *White-crowned Sparrows*, *Yellow Warblers*, *Yellow-rumped Warblers*, *Red-winged Blackbirds* (Stormwater Ponds), *House Wrens*, *Common Loon*, *Common*

Goldeneye and *Mallard* chicks, *Great Blue Herons*.

Alert - Nesting Birds at the North Glenmore Stormwater Ponds: Each year a variety of ducks and shorebirds take advantage of the habitat around the stormwater ponds to nest. *American Wigeon*, *Common Goldeneye*, *Mallards*, *Red-winged Blackbirds*, *Killdeer*, and even the elusive *Sora* are some of these birds. *Muskrats* also nest there. **PLEASE do not disturb** them by walking near the water and in the grasses around the ponds. Many dogs are naturally attracted to birds and can scare off or kill these birds, eat their eggs, and kill their young. Off-leash dogs and dogs on a leash longer than 2 metres are not permitted in these areas. Please help to protect the biodiversity that makes this area so special!

Cleaning Bird Feeders and Bird Baths: Diseases can spread from decomposing seeds, seed that gets wet, and bird droppings. After touching a bird feeder or bird bath, always wash your hands with soap and water. It is recommended to clean feeders and bird baths every two weeks. Use a solution of 10% bleach (one part bleach to nine parts water; can use non-chlorine bleach) or soap and boiling water. Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry completely. Rake up and discard seed debris and bird droppings from the ground around and below feeders. As well as helping the birds, maintaining a bird feeder can be a great way to get your family involved with nature.

Ask Diane: A few folks have mentioned that they have had window strikes by birds and are wondering how to avoid this. During the day birds can see the reflection of vegetation or the sky, see inside to potted plants, and sometimes through windows to the vegetation outside e.g. through a corner window or straight through to the other side of the

house. If you stand outside and take a bird's eye view, you can get an idea of what the bird is seeing.

There are several ways to alter this. An inexpensive solution described by Adam Miller, is taking a bar of soap and drawing on the window. This breaks up the reflection on the window and can be washed off easily. Old CDs can be hung outside in front of windows, catching light and alerting the birds. Angling blinds can help, but check the view outside to see if there is still a reflection. There are a variety of commercial products - a UV Liquid (Window Alert) that daubs onto windows, dots that can be applied, decals, stickers, sun catchers, mylar strips, masking tape, etc. on the outside surface of the window. This link provides a wealth of information: <https://www.allabout-birds.org/news/why-birds-hit-windows-and-how-you-can-help-prevent-it/>

Resources:

1. Since hummingbirds are back now, **Jane Potter** has recommended this wonderful video on Hummingbirds: <https://biggeekdad.com/2020/12/amazing-facts-about-hummingbirds/>
2. For readers who love mysteries: Steve Burrows has written several murder mysteries involving birds.
3. A virtual game – <https://findthebirds.com>
4. An owl adventure story in Russia: *Owls of the Eastern Ice: A Quest to Find and Save the World's Largest Owl*, Jonathan C Slaughter

Sightings:

On March 30 **Sal LoVecchio** noticed a *Northern Flicker* drumming on his neighbour's chimney. He snapped this great photo on a clear blue-

sky day. **Romel and Sue** have been seeing and hearing their visiting *Northern Flicker* regularly.



Northern Flicker – Sal LoVecchio

What excitement when **Lara FitzPatrick** captured the action of a *Black-capped Chickadee* flying at a *Merlin* on Apr. 14. Birds will vocalize and fly at predators, attempting to encourage them to leave the territory! On Apr. 18, the afternoon of the snow, Lara saw a flock of *Mountain Bluebirds* drinking from puddles on the pathway in North Glenmore Park. On May 2 she spotted a flock of *swans* on the reservoir and a few hundred *swallows* swooping by the point south of the Canoe Club. The next day she spotted two *Great Blue Herons* in the Weaselhead Wetlands. Great sightings, Lara!



Merlin with Black-capped Chickadee – Lara FitzPatrick

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Making Great Neighbours

Diana Petkovic wrote that on April 16 her husband, **Dan**, spotted a small owl in the pine tree next to their house. It stayed in the same spot all day and was gone the next morning. What a great sighting of a *Northern Saw-whet Owl*!



Northern Saw-whet Owl – Dan Petkovic

Joep Langejans, the minister at Lakeview United Church, had a less positive sighting of a *Northern Saw-whet Owl*. After that huge windstorm we had in early April, he discovered a dead owl on the ground beside a hollow tree

that had been blown down, near his home in Priddis. The owl had been roosting or nesting in the tree and likely died when the tree hit the ground. The good news is that there are biologists who can use dead birds. **Scott Lovell**, from **St. Mary's University**, is making a collection to use with his students. If you find a dead bird, wearing gloves, place it in a sealable bag, label it and put it in your freezer. Contact Scott at Scott.Lovell@stmu.ca to arrange to get it to him.

Since mid April **Mike and Lisa** have been hearing and seeing a *Merlin* regularly around Lane Crescent. A pair is likely nesting nearby.

Bob regularly checks out the birds at the Stormwater Ponds. On April 24 he spotted a pair of *Ring-necked Ducks*. These ducks have a ring around both their neck and bill. Note the white feathers on the male that come up towards the neck that look like a Nike 'swoosh.'



Ring-necked Duck pair - Bob

According to **Sherry and Dilan Perera**, Spring has officially arrived! On May 2 they welcomed the first hummingbird of the season to their backyard feeder, likely a *Rufous Hummingbird*. On May 4 they had both *Rufous and Ruby-throated Hummingbirds* visit!

Art Meinhardt was walking in North Glenmore Park on May 2 when we spotted a **Yellow-rumped Warbler** – *Myrtle* sub-species. His wife is quite interested in birds and he was keen to share this news with her.

In early May there were great bird sightings on

the reservoir once the ice had melted and the water level lowered. Some species included: White-winged Scoter, Hudsonian Godwits, Marbled Godwits, Black-necked Stilts, Greater and Lesser Yellowlegs, Blue-winged, Green-winged and Cinnamon Teal, Great Blue Heron, Franklin's and Bonaparte's Gulls. The returning songbirds, actively singing and feeding, included American Robins, Western Tanager, Yellow-rumped Warblers, and White-crowned Sparrows. Tree, Northern Rough-Winged, and Violet Green Swallows were aerially feeding on insects.

Critter Sightings

In mid-April I saw a *coyote* on two separate occasions swimming across a channel of the Elbow River in the Weaselhead. On the second sighting the coyote had a *Canada Goose* in its mouth. That didn't seem to slow its progress down one bit!

The *Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrels* are back. These interesting creatures can be seen in the grass along the slope edges in North Glenmore Park. The fresh dirt mounds visible in the park are the work of *Pocket Gophers*.

Bobcats continue to be seen in the neighbourhood. There was a well documented sighting on 34th St. on April 27. On the 29th **Fran and Brock Rishworth** saw a *Bobcat* go by their family room window, as they were watching the hockey game. While they have seen cats and skunks walk by, this was a first! They saw it lying on the grass by the garden, where it yawned and took a nap. **Brock** reminds us that we should keep our distance and not to feed these wild creatures.



Bobcat – Fran Rishworth

A special mention to all of the wonderful Lakeview residents who care about our local birds. In my walks around the neighbourhood, I see so many homes that have bird feeders, bird baths and water fountains. The green spaces around condos and apartments provide important habitat. Also supportive are the many flowering trees and plants that create nesting locations, food, and shelter for both birds and insects. Our community and our natural world benefits from this effort, care, and attention.

To see the newsletter **photos in colour** or to access any of the links, you can visit the **Lakeview News and Views Archives** <https://lakeviewyyc.ca/news-views-archive/>. Issues are listed by year and month, posted the same week as your newsletter is delivered.

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The gardens promote community, organic growing methods and a sense of shared responsibility and teamwork. A heartfelt Thank You to our community garden members who take pride in their garden and to all passersby for their respect towards the garden beds.



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This summer, leave grass clippings on the lawn

There's nothing like the sound of a lawnmower to indicate the change of season! As we transition to summer, leaving grass clippings on the lawn is one way to make this seasonal practice easier for you and beneficial for your lawn.

Leaving grass clippings on the lawn, otherwise known as grass mulching, is the natural way of breaking down grass. Grass clippings are about 80-85% water and quickly break down, returning nutrients and moisture to the soil. Leaving clippings on the lawn can actually produce a healthier looking lawn.

Try these tips for how to leave grass clippings on the lawn:

- Cut when the surface is dry
- Keep mower blades sharp
- Follow the 1/3 rule: mow your lawn often enough that no more than 1/3 of your grass is cut. You may need to raise the height of your mower.
- You can use any mower: push, electric or gas. Using your existing mower, remove the bag and leave the clippings on the lawn.

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Around the Block

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities



Building Safe Communities Program

Walking is a great form of cardiovascular exercise, but did you know it can also be an opportunity to increase safety in a neighbourhood? Walking around your neighbourhood whether it's with a neighbour, Dog or by yourself can help to make your neighbourhood . Walking can help you get more familiar with your community, observe new things and trouble spots in the neighbourhood. While you walk you can survey poor lit areas, is the signage in your neighbourhood adequate? Do the sidewalks and roads need maintenance? When you go for frequent walks in your neighbourhood with these questions in mind you can easily spot areas that need attention.

Calling 3-1-1 to report to City services, or in an emergency Calgary Police (9-1-1) or non-emergency line at 403-266-1234 . Other resources like Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) about problem residential and commercial properties at 1-866-960-7226.

Walking can also help you bump into and get to know your neighbours, you can try inviting them along!

For more resources, check out the Federation of Calgary Communities website (www.calgarycommunities.com) under the Building Safe Communities tab.

PETS OF THE MONTH: OLLIES OF LAKEVIEW!



Olivia the Cat:

Detective Olivia Benson “Oli” getting into her work from home routine. Named for her human’s favourite TV character, Oli is a resident of 37 Street where she keeps a close eye on residents and visitors. Lakeview is safe when Oli is on patrol.

The Brodsky family.



Olliver the Cat:

Meet Olliver. Aka Ollie. Ollie spends his days sleeping in the closet or beside the window making sure he keeps an eye on all the neighbourhood birds and squirrels. While his three and six-year-old sisters run around the house playing and pretending to be cats, he loves to watch the playful chaos from a distance. You might be surprised to learn that Ollie likes to be alone, sleep a fair amount, and meow at us from the hours of 2-5 o’clock to be fed for dinner. His family loves him and deep down we believe he loves us too!

Cheryl Nordoft



Olivia the Cockapoo:

Olivia is a four and a half year old cockapoo. She has been my buddy every since coming to live with me as an 8 week old puppy in October 2016.

Olivia fit perfectly into my life after retiring from a busy 39 year teaching career. Walking in the neighbourhood and Glenmore Park and chasing the ball at the park are all favourite activities for Olivia. Dale the mailman, is someone she looks forward to meeting each morning on our daily walks through the neighbourhood; he always has a treat for her which she loves.

Olivia loves meeting new people on our walks and and is always up for a pat on the back or an ear scratch from the people she meets. Olivia loves watching the many neighbours she knows pass by our front window; greeting them with a wagging tail especially when they come to our front door. Basking in the sun in our back yard, soaking up the sun is one of her most loved pastimes. Olivia spends her quiet times curled up on her favourite blanket, in her comfy bed or on my bed (which she thinks is hers). She has many toys but seems to love a plastic milk jug best of all which she chases around the backyard. Olivia often wears her Stamps or Flames jersey when they are playing in order to cheer them on for a win. Tricks for treats: sitting pretty, shake a paw, high 5, stay, and down are activities Olivia has mastered in order to get a treat. Olivia is a very friendly dog who I love very much!!!! -Bonnie Chandler



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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER CONTENT

Get farm fresh food and support local!

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Find a pop-up farm stand near you, see the schedule and learn more about the program at calgary.ca/localfood

Backyard Firepit Safety

Backyard fire pits, outdoor fireplaces and wood-burning ovens can be fun but be sure you're following the rules and staying safe while enjoying them.

It's also important to be considerate of your neighbours. Outdoor smoke can cause health issues for some people, so consider wind conditions before lighting a fire. High winds can cause smoke to travel a long distance and can be a fire risk whereas low wind speeds don't disperse smoke and can contribute to poor air quality.

- Firepits must be built into the ground, on brick or stone, or in a fire-proof container.
- Portable firepits should never sit directly on a wooden surface like a deck. Firepits must also be at

least two metres away from your property line, house, garage or fence and they cannot be under trees, branches, plants or other flammable materials.

- Fires must be less than one metre high and wide, and a mesh screen or spark guard is required to reduce the spread of sparks and embers.
- Only burn clean, dry firewood and always have water close by to put out the fire. Easy options for this are your watering hose or a bucket of water.
- Finally, never leave a firepit unattended. Call 9-1-1 to report an out of control fire and 3-1-1 to report a firepit complaint and make sure no fire bans are in effect before starting a fire.

Firepit hours are restricted in Calgary – visit calgary.ca/firepits for details, rules and restrictions.



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Understanding rights-of-way and your property

Did you know that part of your yard is made up of rights-of-way, and your property line doesn't begin at the edge of the road or sidewalk closest to your home?

The City of Calgary is responsible for managing access to municipal rights-of-way in Calgary. A right-of-way is an area that gives The City space to install infrastructure (e.g. street light poles and trees), while also giving shallow utilities (i.e. power, gas and telecom

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NEWS FROM the PEWS

As the month of May unfolds all around us and many of us have put our tax submission time behind us, I sense that now is a good period in all of our lives to check our investment portfolio. And you're probably wondering to yourselves what this has to do with 'News from the Pews.' Well, I invite you to read on. Let's open up our dossier of life and see where we've made a difference, where our investments have produced fruit.

At the moment of our birth our lungs were filled with air and we began to make sound. Maybe some of us cried quietly but most of us probably screamed. We entered into this world with one of many gifts – our ability to be heard. Our twinkling eyes came next along with our ability to smile. Our little hands gained strength and we could hold on tightly to our parents' fingers. We were the gift of a new life with all of its wonder and magic. We now began to mimic the things which our parents did. Everything went into our mouths, our ears, our eyes, our nose, into our hair, onto our little bodies. Why doesn't makeup belong on our bellies? What's wrong with breakfast in our ears? Grandma's expensive vase doesn't belong on the table. We suddenly experience the gift of choices.

Choices. As we grow up (and some of us never do) we find and fine tune the gifts and the talents that become who we are – teachers, musicians, mechanics, caregivers, quilt makers, birders, cooks, farmers, spiritual leaders, community leaders, and the list is endless. We each develop a certain talent but here is where the grey area begins to develop. How prepared are we to share in these talents, to pull from our investment portfolio?

Well here's some of my answers. We should invest wisely in ourselves, giving ourselves plenty of rest, an equal measure of exercise, healthy doses of nutritional food, large amounts of knowledge and an attitude of gratitude. We need to invest wisely in the relationships which we encounter, the ones which feed us and shy away from the ones which drain our energies.

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Our words should be spoken with love and compassion and never with malice. Every human being, every part of creation, is part of our portfolio. We live in God's world and God's world lives through us, in us, and around us. Our investing practices will bear fruit – they will become sustenance for our journey.

So as this month of May breaks all around us and summer comes knocking on our doors, may you all be filled with peace...with light...with the hope of good things to come and ultimately, with your investment portfolio changing the world with one loving action at a time.

Reverend Jope Langejans



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Welcome Spring!

Let's keep our neighbourhood cheerful, friendly and clean.

We live in such a wonderful neighbourhood, full of trees, critters, and friendly people. Let's all strive to be considerate of each other and of nature.

Did you know that it is not legal in Calgary to ride a bike on a sidewalk with some exceptions? Most residents understand that a person will nevertheless choose to use the sidewalk sometimes, and of course children are exempt from the rule and may use the sidewalk without risking a ticket. However, if you choose to ride your bike on the sidewalk, please remember that a cyclist, even a youthful cyclist, doesn't have the right of way over pedestrians who are using the sidewalk. Also, for your own safety, please be wary that a high percentage of bicycle collisions with vehicles happen when a bike is coming off a sidewalk.

Did you know that biodegradable poo bags aren't meant to be thrown in a bush or dropped in a forested area? They are biodegradable, but only under the right conditions. Even if the bag quickly biodegrades – which most will not if tossed above-ground in our climate – the poop will then be exposed, defeating the purpose of scooping up the poop in the first place.



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Dear Constituents:

Summer is arriving and I know we all welcome the chance to be outside enjoying our green spaces, bicycle path ways, walking and connecting. I remain hopeful that we will all be able to enjoy activities this summer as we come out of the pandemic. Vaccinations are the best weapon against CoVid and will get us back to normal. Alberta continues to lead the country with our vaccination rollout. Please make sure to book your shot if you have not already done so and make sure to follow up on your second dose.

I was very pleased to participate with Premier Kenney in announcing funding of \$59 million from Budget 2021 to Calgary's Rockyview hospital to expand the Critical care unit (CCU), and gastrointestinal (GI) unit. Patients facing serious heart and other medical conditions will benefit from this funding. The current combined units experience overcapacity challenges roughly one-quarter of the year. The new space increases the number of beds. The project will also double the size of the hospital's gastrointestinal clinic and increase the number of endoscopy suites and create 410 jobs during planning, design, and construction.

I am also very excited about the recent an-

nouncement of Alberta 2030: Building Skills for Jobs. This report is the outcome of the most significant review of our post-secondary system in more than 15 years, resulting in a ten-year strategy for advanced education in Alberta. Alberta 2030 was developed with feedback from thousands of Albertans through online surveys, telephone town halls, round-table discussions, one-on-one interviews and direct submissions. It is truly a made-in-Alberta strategy and will ensure our post-secondary students develop the knowledge they need to succeed in this rapidly changing world.

As always, I love to hear from you!

Whitney Issik, MLA for Calgary-Glenmore

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munications providers) a place to install and maintain their critical infrastructure.

When utility work is required in your community, crews can apply for the permits required to access the right-of-way to install infrastructure, both above and below ground. All properties contain a road right-of-way, but only some properties have a utility right-of-way on them. In most cases, the utility right-of-way starts at your property line and extends inward, toward your home. The space the right-of-way takes up in a yard will vary and it can also be located along the side of your home or at the back.

As a homeowner, you are responsible for mowing and general maintenance, but it is technically the road right-of-way and is considered public land.

For more information or to learn where the right-of-way is located on your property, visit calgary.ca/row.

Like These Submissions?

News & Views needs submissions from the community. Show how much our community knows! Email

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Note from Your Editor:

Dear Lakeview,

Thank you for sending me your pets. There are still a couple of cuties in the queue!

I'm really hoping that anybody who is an original owner, or knows the original owner, of a property in Lakeview, would be willing to submit a piece about how and when the house was built. I know I really loved reading about a property a while ago, and I'm hoping someone might want to tell their story.

I value every community piece we get. What sets this newsletter apart from any other newsletter you might get is that it is published for Lakeview, prepared by Lakeview volunteers, and is an opportunity to have your voice or story heard. See, for example, the Pot Bangers story this month.

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