

# Montgomery on the Bow 50th Anniversary Celebration Year!

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the special summer edition of the Montgomery Messenger. This issue really is about promoting the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations** being planned for **September 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>**. Within this celebration will be a display of pictures and stories from the 50s–70s that has been collected by the Heritage Committee. I really encourage anyone who has pictures that they would like to share to contact the community centre or myself, and we will connect you with one of the committee members who would be happy to hear your stories of growing up and raising children in Montgomery. They can also scan your pictures so that your information can be preserved within our Heritage collection. Given all of the redevelopment occurring within the community, the timing to ensure the history is preserved is now.

On another note, the issue of secondary suites has been raised at City Hall. Within the Community Association Board we have had discussions around the issue of secondary suites and can see both benefits and drawbacks. The Planning Committee and the Board of Directors will likely be asked to comment on applications to council for secondary suites. I, on behalf of the Board, would like to request that residents provide their comments regarding this issue. I invite you to email me directly at [president@mcapeople.ca](mailto:president@mcapeople.ca) or to direct your comments to the community centre at [mcac@telus.net](mailto:mcac@telus.net). I would appreciate comments as this will help form our discussions with the City.

Along with this discussion was the question of the voice of community associations within the politics of City Hall. There have been numerous occasions when

representatives of the Community Association have been asked to comment on behalf of the community. While we recognize that not everyone speaks with one voice and that opinions can and often do vary, we attempt to provide a measured response that is grounded within our guiding documents including the Area Redevelopment Plan, our Lease agreement with the City of Calgary, and our Strategic Plan. We are working to post these documents on the website. While our City Councillor, Ward Sutherland, is working hard to get to know and understand the issues within Ward 1—it is a large area with diverse concerns. We strongly believe that community associations can and do provide a valuable role in presenting and representing local context. The Board of Directors and the Planning Committee are volunteers who have been elected to do just that. We are passionate about our community and we have one area of focus — Montgomery! We will continue to advocate for a strong community voice in all discussions and decisions which directly and indirectly impact residents.

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**Montgomery Seniors:** Our next Seniors Social is on **September 29**. We look forward to seeing you there. See info on page 17.



## Working Together for a Better Community

Montgomery Community Association  
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Website: [www.mcapeople.ca](http://www.mcapeople.ca)

The deadline for the next issue of the Montgomery Messenger is August 15, 2014

## Montgomery Community Centre

### Hall Available for Rent

The hall at the Montgomery Community Centre is available for rent for functions such as weddings, dances, meetings etc., on Friday and Saturday evenings.

**Community Association members will receive a discounted rate.**

The hall is also available for rent by the hour on Sunday through Thursday evenings, excluding holidays, for four hours or less.

The board room is also available for rent for meetings, etc.

**The rental period includes reasonable time for set up and clean up.**

For further information please call  
**403-247-3116** and leave a message, or  
email [manager@mcapeople.ca](mailto:manager@mcapeople.ca)

### Calendar of Meetings

The following is a list of the planned meetings of Montgomery Community Association. Other Board meetings may be scheduled as required.

MEETING	DATE	TIME
Board	September 9	7:00 p.m.
Board	October 14	7:00 p.m.
Board	November 11	7:00 p.m.
Board	December 9	7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Anyone wishing to attend a board meeting should contact the President at [president@mcapeople.ca](mailto:president@mcapeople.ca) or call 403-247-3116 to arrange to attend.

### MCA Board of Directors

#### President

Marilyn Wannamaker ..... 286-0175

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Anthony Ferrise

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#### Deadlines for submissions:

**December 15** for Jan/Feb issue

**February 15** for March/April issue

**April 15** for May/June issue

**August 15** for Sept/Oct issue

**October 15** for Nov/Dec issue

All enquiries re advertising, as well as submissions for articles, are welcome.

Please submit them to the Editor.

Because of space restrictions, some editing may be necessary.

**M.C.A.**  
**CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTIES**

Come and play at your MCA! Use your community centre for your child's birthday party. There's lots of room for:

- Rollerblade parties (scooters for younger kids)
- Hockey games
- Birthday party games
- Just having fun!

Call 403-247-3116 to book

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We have a very active and committed Board of Directors and Planning Committee who are working very hard on behalf of all residents. Your support, through purchasing of memberships, emails, and involvement in community activities and open houses is important. Your support and involvement strengthens our position within the city and is greatly appreciated.

We have expanded our on-line presence. We have a fabulous website at [www.mcapeople.ca](http://www.mcapeople.ca); and we have the electronic news (E-news) and now you can find us on Twitter @mcapeople; and you can now like us on Facebook at **Montgomery CA**. Talk soon...

—Marilyn Wannamaker  
PRESIDENT

## FREE DINNER

Every Wednesday of Each Month

6:30–7:30 p.m.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
8007 Bowness Road N.W.

**Everyone Welcome...Good Food, Good Friends**

Sponsored by

Awaken Community Church, Bow Waters Community Church, Maranatha Church, Centre Street Church, and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

### Shopping Carts in the Neighbourhood!

I am sure we have all noticed Shopping carts that people without cars have taken from Safeway to get their groceries home. Or maybe they have been used by a bottle-picker to get to the Bottle Depot. It would be great if people would all return them to Safeway—but they do not.

If you notice shopping carts near your home or elsewhere in Montgomery, why not give Safeway a call at 403-288-3219 to let them know where the cart is located. They have someone who can pick them up.



### EATING IN THE UK IN THE FIFTIES

Fish didn't have fingers in those days.

Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.

None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

The one thing that we never ever had on our table in the fifties .. was elbows!

### PLANNING REPORT

New contextual development permits have been approved by City Planning at 4804 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue, 4340 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and 4616 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and a permitted single family homes has been approved at 4512 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. The Planning Committee has reviewed a number of residential permits as well: 5116 17<sup>th</sup> Ave, 4420 Bowness Road, 4415 19<sup>th</sup> Ave, 5009 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave, 5007 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave and 4423 Bowness Road. A new 4 unit residential building was reviewed on 4727 17<sup>th</sup> Ave.

In addition to residential permits, we've seen a number of business use permits lately (changing the type of business allowed to operate in an existing space). The house next door to Notable will be renovated into an office space and a grocery store was approved in Montgomery Place.

Needless to say it's another busy construction season in Montgomery with no end in sight. It has been great to see some terrific new homes being built and we welcome new residents to the community—with their families! The Terrace Road School kindergarten is boasting their highest enrollment in recent memory and our U6 and U4 soccer programs had the most kids we've seen in a long time. We know the community population has grown, countering a city wide trend for population shrinkage in inner city communities, and we await the latest census results.

I'd like to give special acknowledgment to Calcor Homes, a contractor who lives and builds in Montgomery and has made a real difference. Over more than 10 years, Cal and his family-run business team have turned over nearly an entire block of Mackay Road (opposite the Jr. High FFCA school building) into new single and semi-detached houses. Building out one property at a time, this street has turned into one of the nicest new projects in the community. Each home has street appeal, personality and real community charm. If you haven't been by, go take a look!

—David Baker  
PLANNING

# MONTGOMERY ON THE BOW 50TH ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2014

## 1960s THEME DINNER AND DANCE

\$40 per person

MCA Centre Hall

5003—16th Ave NW

- Cocktails 6:30 PM
- Awesome Buffet 7:30 PM
- Dance 9:00 PM
- Door Prizes
- Silent Auction
- Prize for the Best 60s Theme Costume

Limited Capacity

To avoid disappointment reserve your tickets now by calling the Montgomery Community Center 403 247 3116.

Jointly sponsored by your Montgomery Community Association

“Celebrating 50 Years of Montgomery”

# ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> 2014

## FAMILY FESTIVAL

12:00 to 4:00 PM

MCA Centre Grounds

5003—16th Ave NW

- Entertainment

Live Band, Dog Obedience Show, Dance Demonstrations

- Business Fair

- A Taste of Montgomery

Enjoy tasty treats from your favourite restaurant

- Children's Playground

Games, Bouncy Castle, Face Painter and more

- Vintage Car Show and Shine

- Arts and Crafts Fair

- Guided Historical Walking Tours of Montgomery

iation and the Montgomery Business Revitalization Zone.

of Community Service”

## SECONDARY SUITE QUESTION

The issue of secondary suites within RC2 areas (RC2 are semi-detached houses or single homes on narrower residential lots) has been raised at City Council. Secondary suites on RC1 lots are already allowed with City permission through a land use amendment. Montgomery has an Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP) which identifies RC1 and RC2 areas within the community. In May, Councillor Druh Farrell, with the support of some other Councillors, requested that all RC2 zoned houses in Wards 7, 8, 9, and 11 could obtain permits for basement or backyard apartments. This has been put off to the September City Council meeting, which allows time for community input. At this time, Ward 1 (including Montgomery) is not included within this initiative. The Montgomery planning committee is asked to give feedback on local RC2 homeowners' requests for resignation to build secondary suites (which currently can only be granted on a case by case basis, by a motion in Council) and the community association will likely be asked about Montgomery's views on Councillor Farrell's proposal.

Regardless of support for the benefits or opposition to the problems, we would like to provide input on this "inner city" question, and we need your help to do so. We are asking for community comments to help us form a response to Ward Sutherland and City Council.

Some of the pros/benefits to legalizing secondary suites in RC2 zoned homes in Montgomery:

- Would promote suite construction that is up to building codes and safety standards.
- Would provide more affordable/ approachable housing opportunities for homeowners.
- Could mean more housing for university students and renters with lower income.

- Would typically not change the footprint of semi-detached homes.
- Helps keep multi-generational families together and eases the strain on caregivers.

Some of the cons/problems:

- Could increase parking pressure in areas where street parking is already at a premium.
- Could result in 2 renters in each RC2 dwelling without the homeowner living on site.
- Could be perceived as circumventing the ARP, which identifies specific areas where densification would be appropriate and welcomed.
- Could contradict the expectations of current homeowners in some parts of Montgomery.

Along with your thoughts, please comment on the following questions:

- 1) Under the current system, what do you think about council approving some secondary suites?
- 2) What do you think about a more blanket change to the restrictions on RC2 properties, to allow for council not to be involved in each and every decision?
- 3) Would there be a difference if some restrictions were put on the secondary suite i.e. need for owner to occupy the home, or if there was some way to license the suite, perhaps like a business license?

Please provide your comments regarding secondary suites either through email at [president@mcapeople.ca](mailto:president@mcapeople.ca) or [mcac@telus.net](mailto:mcac@telus.net). Thanks for your input.

—Marilyn Wannamaker  
PRESIDENT

***"Compassion is the  
radicalism of our time."***

**~ Dalai Lama**

## What's Happening at Bowness High

May and June were eventful months. Our girls rugby team made it to the city final for the first time in school history, and our junior boys rugby team clinched the city championship!

The BHS Band and choir performed on May 27, the High School Musical played two sold out shows to enthusiastic crowds and the art show was a huge success, with these events showcasing the incredible talent within the school.

School Council meets every second Wednesday of the month. Next year's first Parent Council meeting will occur on September 10, 2014. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated our Bowness Valued Students and Honour students, and on June 9 we recognized our student athletes at the Night of the Trojan Awards. Bowness High's graduation was a gala event, with over 340 graduates walking the stage.

Congratulations, Class of 2014!

For the new school year, timetables and books can be picked up on Thursday, August 28 for grade 11s and 12s, and Friday, August 29 for grade 10s. Please check the school website for more information. The first day of school is September 2, 2014. The morning will be Grade 10 Orientation, which is always a fun, informative event for new students. Grade 11 and 12 students will begin their day at 12:30 pm. Thanks to all community members for their support in the past year, and we look forward to your continued support in 2014–2015.

Have a great summer!

— *Russell Gelfand*

BOWNESS HIGH SCHOOL

## PLAYGROUP

Our playgroup drop-in program meets every Thursday morning from 9:30–11:30 at the Community Centre.

Moms and/or dads can bring their kids for playtime, stories and meeting new friends in our community. Snacks and coffee available. Please note that an

MCA membership

is required.

Call Janine at  
403-247-3116

if you have  
any questions.



## NEW DICTIONARY TERMS

**Cashtration (n.):** The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.

**Giraffiti:** Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

**Sarchasm:** The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

**Inoculatte:** To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

**Hipatitis:** Terminal coolness.

**Osteopornosis:** A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)

**Karmageddon:** It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.

**Decafalon (n.):** The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

**Glibido:** All talk and no action.

**Dopeler effect:** The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.

**Arachnoleptic fit (n.):** The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.

**Beelzebug (n.):** Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.

**Caterpallor (n.):** The colour you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.

## Irish Blessing

*"May the road rise up to meet you  
May the wind be always at your back  
May the sun shine warm upon your face  
And the rain fall soft upon your fields  
And until we meet again  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand."*

# WANTED

## DELIVERY COORDINATOR

Did you know that the Montgomery Messenger community newsletter is delivered six times a year to 1800+ residences and businesses in our growing community? Our roster of some 26 dedicated volunteers delivers the Messenger and they need you!

It's easy—each issue, distribute route maps and newsletters to our volunteer delivery team, and contact floaters to cover routes when needed.

**Interested? Have questions?** Please call 403.247.3116 or email [manager@mcapeople.ca](mailto:manager@mcapeople.ca)

## Condolences for Canine Friends

**Dogs and walkers in Montgomery were very sad to have to say goodbye to some longtime canine friends this summer. Condolences to all the humans who are missing their fuzzy friends right now.**

***“Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring — it was peace.”***

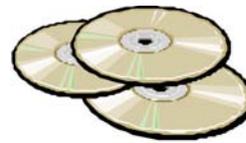
**Milan Kundera**

## HAVE PHOTOS? WE WILL TRAVEL...

The Montgomery Community Association is currently gathering photos in preparation for 50th Anniversary celebration of Montgomery becoming part of the city of Calgary.



If you have photos of the town, people, events, teams etc. that you would



be willing to share, we would love to hear from you! We are even willing to send a team of 2

people to your home to scan your pictures. For more information, please call Val Kunn at 403-220-0067 or email her at [valkunn49@gmail.com](mailto:valkunn49@gmail.com).

## MONTGOMERY MESSENGER

### ADVERTISING RATES

Effective: January 2014

#### Rates per Issue:

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Quarter Page (3.675" wide x 4.5" high) \$100  
Business Card (3.5" wide x 2" high) ..... \$50

Prices apply to camera-ready copy (preferred digital format is a high resolution JPG or PDF file). A one-time fee will be charged otherwise, depending on size.

Ask about our design rates.

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