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**HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM YOUR RAMSAY
COMMUNITY BOARD
OF DIRECTORS AND
COMMITTEE
CHAIRS!**

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4th Quarter
October - December 2003

	RAMSAY			INGLEWOOD			BRIDGELAND		
	# of Sales	Avg. List Price	Avg. Sale Price	# of Sales	Avg. List Price	Avg. Sale Price	# of Sales	Avg. List Price	Avg. Sale Price
Bungalow	2	184,900	180,750	6	202,416	197,333	2	219,900	211,000
1.5 Storey	3	208,266	200,733	1	259,900	250,000	2	274,450	252,500
2 Storey	1	233,800	225,000	6	302,866	295,323	3	322,866	300,500
Attach/Twnh	4	313,750	313,750	2	219,000	202,000	1	104,900	98,500



TRAFFIC CALMING UPDATE

Tom Jevne

The Traffic Calming committee met on November 10th to start assessing the information gathered from residents over the past several months, on traffic related problems. I want to thank everyone who has provided his or her comments and suggestions.

The areas of concern are from a number of different streets in the community. Many of the comments relate to traffic shortcutting, speed, volume and pedestrian safety through the community, along Spiller Road and 8th Street.

A number of rumours have surfaced that were discussed by the group, one being the possible closure of 8th street at the railroad tracks at 9th Avenue into Inglewood. This road may be closed if more rail lines are set at this location. We are currently trying to obtain accurate information on the possible timeline and probability of this happening. Once again this is a rumour and when we know what is happening here, we will update the community.

The second, being the Stampede development/expansion at Spiller Road and 25th Avenue. The Stampede Board has approached the Community Association with options they have to connect a parcel of land on the east side of Spiller Road to the west side of Spiller Road (where the horse barns are located).

The options were to either tunnel under Spiller, build a bridge over Spiller, or to close Spiller and build a private road connecting the two properties. No decision has been made yet.

The Community Association Board along with this committee will be meeting with the Stampede Board Representative in January. Information and an opportunity to voice your opinion, about the Stampede development/expansion, will occur at the February 3rd, 2004 general meeting.

If anyone still wishes to provide information regarding what you see as traffic related problems, please write or e-mail me. Provide the following information:

- Location of the Problem (indicate streets, intersections, addresses)
- Type of Problem
Examples would be pedestrian safety, motorist or cyclist safety, parking, speeding vehicles, shortcutting traffic, truck traffic.
- Describe the Problem
Be specific and provide as much information as possible. Indicate times of day, direction of travel, magnitude and extent of problems, and so forth.

Please provide a way to contact you (Name, phone number, e-mail, fax).

Here are a number of ways to get the information to me:

- e-mail: tci.tek@shaw.ca
- Fax me at 265-4858
- Mail to or drop off at the community center – Ramsay Community Association, 1136 – 8th Street S.E., Calgary, Alberta T2G 2Z7.

CIVIC AFFAIRS

Janice Thoroughgood

Civic Affairs met on December 8, upstairs at the Shamrock at 7pm. There were several items on the agenda, however no formal Development Permits.

Roger Mercier and David Collins presented their plans for the development of 815 McDonald - the Old Ice Cream Store. The proposed design is based on two storey homes from the 1920/30's era. Roger is willing to keep the front of the property as a potential small (300sf) coffee shop/ice cream parlour. Also on the main floor, at the rear of the property, Roger plans to have an office (1015sf) with seven employees. He has allowed for four parking spaces accessible from Maggie St. The second floor would be residential (1889sf) with parking accessible from Bellevue Ave. Overall the design appeared to meet Ramsay Area Development sub-area 2 guidelines. There was discussion regarding parking, roof height, exterior finish and green space.

Jada Karesen presented her plans for the development of 1037 19 Avenue SE, currently a vacant lot. The proposed design is a modern two storey single detached dwelling. Because the property is located in sub-area 1, there we concerns about the modern style of the exterior. The Civic

Affairs Committee suggested Jada refer to the Ramsay Area Development Plan, research other buildings in sub-area 1, and possibly consult with an architect.

The Stampede has asked Ramsay for a formal opinion on the development at the South end of Spiller, Stampede has been in contact with Ramsay over the past three years regarding this development. Stampede owns the land on the East side of Spiller Road and wants to build an access road from the horse barn area. They have given Ramsay three choices for development; tunnel under Spiller, build a bridge over Spiller, or close Spiller. The Stampede Board is paying for the development. A decision wasn't made at the Civic Affairs meeting, discussions were to continue at the Traffic Study meeting the following evening. Tom Jevne is going to contact the Stampede for more information. There will also be a discussion at the RCA Board Meeting December 16.

The next Civic Affairs meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, upstairs at the Shamrock Hotel.

Please contact me at 269-2640 if you have any questions or would like to join the Civic Affairs Committee.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As you are well aware, Ramsay School is again in the news because of the issue of school viability concerning Colonel Walker. Only the future will tell how the situation will be resolved. I can say from our experience here last year that the process is an exhausting one and your neighbours in Inglewood deserve all of the support you can give them.

Ramsay School is itself in good shape and we are reaching a student population of close to 115 from kindergarten to grade seven. We are proud to have our partnerships with the Janus Academy, the Talisman Centre and the Y.M.C.A. We are also proud to be a model school of inclusion for children with autism and are especially proud to house our Ready Class.

Our future may see us increase our student population. We are prepared to adapt and change as the need may arise and we know we can count on your continued support.

Please keep informed of the issues surrounding Colonel Walker and Ramsay School. At this time both schools need all of the support you can give them.

Brian Del Castillo, Principal

BY-ELECTION RESULTS

A by-election for several key Ramsay Board positions was held on Tuesday, December 2. Since nobody was available to undertake the President position, it was agreed that the two Vice-Presidents, Michael Fitzpatrick and Janice Thoroughgood, would share the position, undertaking the President duties in alternating months. Jennifer Hapgood was elected to the Treasurer position. Thanks to Michael, Janice and Jennifer to taking on these important tasks for the community.

BOARD SECRETARY REQUIRED

The Ramsay Board of Directors is still looking for someone to fill the secretary position. Duties include taking minutes at two meetings per month, and maintaining the annual record book. Estimated time commitment is 6 – 8 hours per month. If you are interested in learning more about your community, why not volunteer? Meet some new people and get involved in Ramsay – we think it's the best community around!

NEWS FROM THE POINT

The Point Gallery & Studios

1139-11 Street S.E.

Phone: 265-6867

www.artpoint.ca

Hours: Thurs/Fri @ 1-4 pm; Sat. 11 am - 4 pm.

CURRENTLY SHOWING:

Cloudscapes and Landforms

Paintings by Patrick Grassick

December 5 - January 2.

UPCOMING:

New Horizons - A Celebration of Form and Colour

January 3 – 21, 2004.

An energetic presentation of new works by The Point Society of Artists.

Celebrate a new year, a new direction, new management and new artists with us!

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY DECISION

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Ramsay Community Hall, 7 p.m.

The Stampede Board has approached the community for our input on creating an access route across the south end of Spiller Road near 25th Avenue.

This route will provide access from the Stampede to their new storage facilities. Several options have been suggested, including tunnelling under Spiller Road, building a bridge over Spiller Road, or even closing Spiller Road.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, AND TO VOICE YOUR OPINION, please attend the Ramsay General Meeting on February 3rd at the hall.





NEW! CHILDCARE PROGRAM

The Alexandra Centre Society (ACS) is dedicated to providing appropriate and essential community services and resources. We are in the application process to operate a non-profit community child care program. Our program will serve families and children 19 months + in the communities of Inglewood, Ramsay and Victoria Park as a primary group.

The Alexandra Centre Day-care program is first and foremost a community-based program. It is therefore fitting that the philosophy of the program based on a sense of "community". This sense of community will be reflected in the daily routine and flow of the program. By re-enforcing "community" the program is expected to gently encourage social skills and interaction of even shy or cautious children, and promote a sense of belonging.

Aspects of community expected to be reflected in the program include:

Sharing: Of ourselves as well as of items, space, etc.

Caring: Being involved or aware of others

Celebration and Social Activity: Coming together to celebrate and cherish time with others

Tradition: Repetitive or familiar patterns or activities

Connection: Outreaching qualities, which integrate with other groups or individuals

The Society is aiming to open this new program in February, barring any delays due to the application process and space renovations.

We hope to include a Parent Resource Library to support the new program as well build a small children's library. Donations of new children's books is on our wish list for the children who enter our program... are there any Santas out there?

As can be expected the new program will need considerable financial as well as time investment. If you are interested in helping in any way as a donor, sponsor, or volunteer please call Shirley-anne at 269-5588. Join us in investing in the future of our community!

To have your child registered on a waiting list please call Leslie or Pia at 269-5588.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

45 Christmas hampers were distributed to the needy families who live in Inglewood, Ramsay and Victoria Park. We thank and appreciate all our donors and volunteers who made this Christmas a bright and memorial one for these families!

SUZUKI MUSIC PROGRAM

Music with you and your baby is based on the "mother tongue" approach to learning developed by Japanese educator and violinist Dr. Shinichi Suzuki. Over fifty years ago Dr. Suzuki observed that very young children learn to speak the language of their parents by listening and repeating. A strong partnership is developed between teacher, parent and child. The parent plays an important role in developing the child's potential.

"In the Suzuki baby class, infants/toddlers and their parents participate in a series of music-based activities that encourage joyful learning by both baby and parent. Traditional songs and rhymes are used as the foundation for helping each child grow musically and socially. Based on Suzuki's concept of natural learning, parents are assisted in the art of observing their own child as well as others in their class, laying the foundation for the parent to continue to be the child's first and most effective teacher." – Dorothy Jones, Founder and Director (Suzuki Early Childhood Program).

The Alexandra Centre Society began its first Suzuki Mother/baby/toddler in September with a resounding response from parents. The first class on Wednesday morning was filled to capacity with parents with their babies and toddlers. There is a waiting list for the second class and we invite and encourage moms with their young children in the Inglewood Community to be a part of this learning experience. Our program sets an environment to help your child to life long learning love of learning.

It is a 16-week one-hour program that is repeated over one year. Registration has begun; last date is January 21, 2004. The next session will begin from February 4, 2004. Each session will have a maximum of 12 members. For more information please contact Pia or Leslie at 269-5588.

ALEXANDRA HALL

The Alexandra hall has a new look! Should you want to rent the space for any event, please contact Leslie between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at 269-5588.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

The ACS Board of Directors and the staff wish you and your family a prosperous New Year.

— ALEXANDRA CENTRE SOCIETY



The Alex is committed to improving the health of individuals who face multiple barriers.

Through five locations:

- The Alex Family Health Centre,
- The Alex Seniors Health Centre,
- The Alex Health Bus,
- The Alex Dover Clinic, and
- The Alex Suds and Savings Laundromat

The Alex focuses on serving:

- The working poor,
- Aboriginals,
- Children and Youth,
- Women mothering in poverty,
- Individuals who have decreased access to health care services, and
- Calgary's ever-increasing numbers of seniors, particularly those living alone.

Stress-Busting with Yoga (please bring a towel)
Tues. Jan 13, 5:30–7:00 pm, at The Alex

The Alex values community input and continues to respond and meet identified needs through programs such as the Moms and Tots Play Group and the Spinz-A-Round free food program. We need your voice and ideas on our **Community Advisory Committee**. Call Jessica for information.

Volunteer opportunities are available every day and evening of the week. Positions include the Health Bus, Food Programs, and Laundromat. Volunteers who can drive and have a vehicle are urgently needed. Call Ida at The Alex to volunteer.



Train with Louise, Aboriginal Health Facilitator, starting in January to get ready for the Deerfoot Run in June. Weekly meetings will have guest speakers including private health trainers and dietitians. Call Louise for details.

The Alex Suds and Savings Community Laundromat

is the first of its kind in Calgary. Formerly the Spiller Road Laundromat (2012 Spiller Road SE), Suds and Savings was developed to address survey-identified needs: increasing costs of coin laundromats; safety; single mothers using limited funds for food instead of laundry; rising costs for utilities and transit.



Available services include a bachelor service, dry cleaning drop off service, and clothes mending in addition to the coin washing machines and dryers. All proceeds go directly into community development programs in Ramsay, Inglewood, and Victoria Park.

Drop Off Laundry Prices (Includes soap, bleach (if needed), fabric softener, and folding).
\$7.00 a single load / \$17.00 a triple load

Drycleaning Prices

\$2.05 men's dress shirts / \$6.50 women's slacks

Unlike other laundromats, **qualifying families can get a membership at the laundromat and do their laundry for a nominal amount, thereby having more money to feed their children.** The laundromat will also develop other income-generating businesses for low-income families. There is free internet and e-mail access, and it is a venue for health promotion.

There are friendly Alex staff and volunteers on site at all times ensuring a safe and clean place for you to do your laundry. Drop by or contact us for a complete list of our competitive prices.

At the Alex, we believe good health care is accessible, responsive, interdisciplinary, and participatory. We also believe that good health is more than the absence of disease and involves one's physical, financial, psychological, social, and spiritual well being.



Key Police Contacts

If you see crimes in the area, please contact the police by phone or e-mail. The police in our area are:

**Bill Styba Badge # 1692,
Ramsay Community Liaison Officer;
Inspector Dan Jahrig Badge #1763
Sgt. Blair White Badge # 2783
Staff Sgt. Dean Stobo # 2519**

To e-mail any police officer the address is: pol(badge #)@calgarypolice.ca (eg. to e-mail Bill Styba, pol1692@calgarypolice.ca).

Newsletter Contributions

Any community member is welcome to contribute to this newsletter. The deadline for submissions for each upcoming month's issue is the 20th of the preceding month. Please email your contributions, comments, advertisements and articles to: news@ramsaycommunity.ab.ca or drop it off at the Ramsay Community Hall, 1136 8 St SE

The Ramsay News is a non-profit newsletter offered free of charge to the community each month. Our circulation of over one thousand reaches all of Ramsay.



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263-7127

JANUARY 2004						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3
4	5 School's Back!	6 RCA General Meeting 7 p.m.	7	8	9	
11	12 Civic Affairs Shamrock 7 – 9 p.m.	13	14	15 School Council Meeting 7 p.m.	16	17
18	19	20 RCA Board Meeting 7 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Ramsay School PD Day	31
February 1	February 2	February 3 RCA General Meeting 7 p.m. **ROAD DECISION**	February 4	February 5	February 6	February 7

