

ENVIRONNEWS



Autumnal Transitions

Grassroots Market Staying at Home in Brentwood

Many of you Tuesday Marketeers will be thrilled to learn that our beloved, award-winning community Farmers' Market will indeed be remaining right here in Brentwood.

As you may recall, Lynn Keating and Nancy Dalton, long time volunteer Market Managers, and the Market's hosting organization, Grassroots NW Environmental Awareness Society chaired by Jill Kirker, have been looking for another nonprofit group to take over the running of the market. After 15 years it is time to move on to other ventures, like taking more holidays!

New Grassroots Market Faces

Members of the newly formed Grassroots Skaters Foundation, with some of its roots right here in Brentwood, attended their future market throughout September to familiarize themselves with the operations end of things. Grassroots Skaters Foundation is a recently incorporated nonprofit society formed to support adult figure skating in Alberta. With an age range of 25 to 82 years old, adult skaters jump, spin, ice dance and compete just like their younger counterparts. Skaters over the age of 25 do not receive any funding or grants from Skate Canada or any other sports

federation. Yet they continually prove that age is merely a state of mind. With the increasing cost of ice, coaching, and competition fees, skating is becoming less accessible.

Grassroots Skaters Foundation and specifically the Grassroots Farmers' Market will help raise funds and awareness for adult skating in Alberta. Their Board and volunteer skaters look forward to working with all the market vendors in the coming years, and will continue to cater delicious foods and crafts to all customers from the greater Calgary community. Please welcome Denis La Rochelle, Chair, Janneane Wutzke, Co-Chair, Val Laferriere, Secretary and Market Liaison, and Cathy Thoms, Treasurer as our future hosts of our Grassroots Farmers' Market.

Grassroots NW Environmental Awareness Society will continue to support local environmental initiatives for several years, as part of the transition of market ownership will include a few years of royalties to GNW in recognition of its establishing such a viable business in our midst.

So, do more with your money and keep your reusable bags handy to Shop the Market starting again next June! In doing so you are supporting adult skating, the environment, and our community. What could be better?

Thank you to all the Market personnel, both past and future, for all your amazing hard work and enthusiasm in creating and sustaining this wonderful Market right in our neighborhood!

*Environmentally yours,
Polly Lee
Knowlton Cockett*



Red Light, Green Light

Courtesy Calgary Police Service

Red light, green light – a common game played by children. If you're caught moving on a red light, you're out of the game.

In real life, however, if you don't stop for a red light when driving on our roads the consequences can be much more serious. Calgary's roadways are becoming more crowded as the city continues to experience rapid growth. This makes it more important than ever to drive defensively, to keep your attention on the task of driving and obey the rules of the road.

Approximately 380 people die and 27,000 are injured in more than 104,000 motor vehicle collisions in Alberta every year, based on a five-year average. This is a tragic waste of life and property and it puts unnecessary strain on our policing, emergency response and health care resources.

In order to help ensure the safety of Calgarians, the Calgary Police Service rotates 36 red light cameras throughout Calgary. Intersections are chosen based on detailed analysis which includes traffic volume, violation rate, road speed, collision history and community concerns.

The results prove the cameras work. Intersections with red light cameras experienced a 21 per cent decrease in all right angle collisions in 2004, with a corresponding 37 per cent decrease in number of injuries.

Motorists can help reduce the number of collisions and possibly save lives by paying attention while driving – especially at intersections.

St. Francis High School Reunion

Class of 1987 Reunion!

Join fellow graduates for a celebration on Saturday October 20th, 7:00 pm at the Calgary Italian Club (416 - 1st Avenue NE).

Contact Krista Moroz at 256-7980 or kmmoroz@shaw.ca. In order to secure numbers please confirm your attendance prior. More details available on Facebook.com under St. Francis High School '87