

Message from the President



Federation Update

Things are hopping at the Federation

Whenever I go into the Federation's office, I can almost hear it humming. There has been a lot going on during the last six months.

As I write this we are getting prepared for the fundraiser on June 3rd. This is a very important fundraiser for the Federation. We need to find additional sources of funding in order to continue providing the current services to our members.

As usual the financial related work is going full speed. We are pleased to report the new auditor, Nancy Murdock is now certified to sign out on audits. This will be a great help to Heidi Brauer.

There are an incredible number of items being dealt with by our Planners such as the Land Use Bylaw revisions, Plan It Implementation, Infill Guidelines, Special Care Facilities, digital signs, cell phone towers, the list goes on and on.

Add to this providing day to day support for 146 community associations and you can start to understand why I say things are hopping at the Federation.

I want to recognize the tremendous work our staff are doing every day and thank them for their contributions towards "improving neighbourhood life in Calgary".

New types of Communication

You all know about the new forms of communication that have come onto the scene in recent years. Personally, I am challenged keeping up with my e-mails, let alone having time to do things I am supposed to such as write this column.

I came across an interesting way one of our community association presidents is getting the word out on what is happening his community. D J Kelly is president of Winston Heights – Mountainview Community Association. He posted the report he delivered to their Annual General Meeting on May 18th on his personal blog. If you know of other

unique ways our community people are communicating with their community let me know.

Community Survey

I have noted this survey before but time is running out for you and your community to participate.

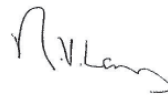
The Federation of Calgary Communities and the City of Calgary Community and Neighbourhood Services are hosting a survey to learn more about what community residents feel about living in our communities. Each community association will get a summary of the results and that will help you in knowing how your residents feel. There are draw prizes offered as an incentive for people to participate. The link is as follows:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NJRH3V8>

Deadline to complete the survey is June 30th.

Have a Great Summer

This is the last issue before summer. I hope you all take some time to recharge your batteries. You are very important in "improving community life in Calgary". I hope you all have a great summer.



Bob Lang, President
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