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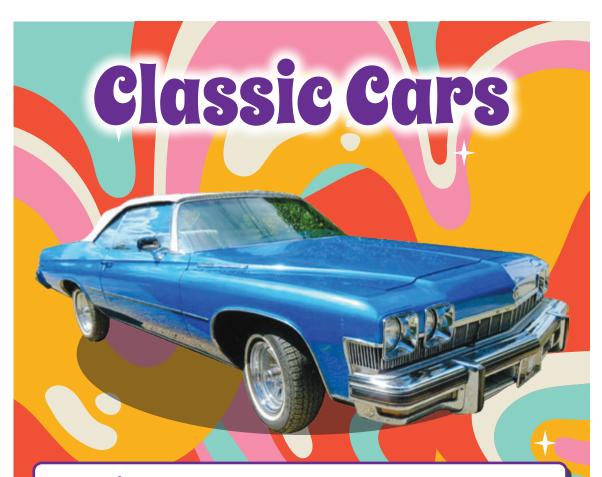






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#### 1974 Buick LeSabre

Article by Fred Nelson

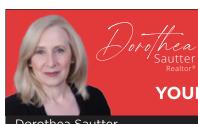
Uncle Steve special-ordered his convertible with every option including the AM/8-Track sound system. He also specified it should have the high-performance Stage 1 455-V8 engine.

When it arrived at the Calgary dealership, he picked it up and parted with \$6000. Kept indoors on the farm, it was driven only on Sundays and special occasions, but never in winter.

A few years ago, Steve was getting on in years and gave the 33,000-mile car to his nephew Dan, who continues to pamper it.

Everything has been kept original, except this year it will be wearing a set of new wide-whitewall tires. Watch for it.

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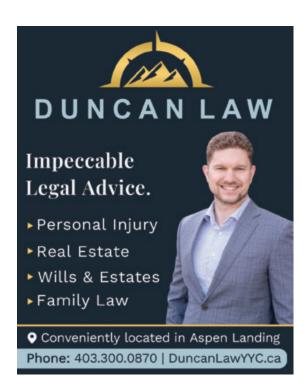
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## **Board Meetings**

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm. All residents are welcome to attend. Join us in person at the community hall, or email president@myglendale.ca for the virtual link.

Annual Community Memberships \$35, Tennis Membership \$70, plus \$20 key deposit

To submit content for publication in the Thumper, please email thethumper@myglendale.ca





#### **RESIDENTS OF GLENDALE**

by Laura Nixon



David and Marlyn Townsend have lived in Glendale since 1997, purchasing a bungalow from the original owners. They have been enjoying their spot across from the Glendale School ever since!

For them, Glendale has been the perfect spot to live. After thinking of downsizing, they still know that there is no place like home in Glendale! It's provided easy access to everything one needs in the city (including the well-loved Glamorgan Bakery). They have enjoyed many years of walking their rescue dogs through all of the Glendale and neighbouring parks.

Living across from the school means lots of activity and sounds of fun coming from the playground, fields, and ball games. David and Marlyn have opened their home over the years for more than ten international exchange students. Whether it was a hockey player from Germany or a first-time figure skater from Taiwan, all enjoyed the ice at the community rink! There are also memories of Santa driving the Zamboni around the rink, listening to the Stampede show bands practicing on the school grounds, and cheering people on when the Weekend to End Breast Cancer routes came through Glendale.

People look out for each other in Glendale, and David and Marlyn are still in touch neighbours and friends, even after some people have moved out of the neighbourhood. David also volunteered to share his expertise in last month's issue regarding tips for the upcoming tax season. Those tips have been put to good use by now, and it's that kind of sharing that makes Glendale a forever home of choice to so many.



## GLENDALE NEWS BOARD

#### March 2024 Board Meeting

Recruitment for New Roles: Now that the hall is up and running (and filling up with people), the Board has identified a number of opportunities to expand the team that takes care of the facility and our community of hall user groups. We are currently recruiting for two paid positions (a part-time maintenance person, and a part-time hall coordinator). Please respond with your interest by April 9 to president@myglendale.ca. We are also recruiting for one volunteer coordinator position. This role will assist the Board with organizing our major events, such as the casino, volunteer, and community recognition events, etc. Please see the website for more information:

- www.myglendale.ca/maintenance-person-needed/
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Board Member Stepping Down: At the March meeting, Britt Gray notified the Board that she was stepping down from her Member-At-Large position, effective immediately. The Board sincerely appreciates Britt's commitment to the Board since joining in September and looks forward to future opportunities for working together again.

#### **Garden Season Has Begun!**

Plots in the community garden are now available for rent! Each plot is \$35 for members, for the season, on a first-come-first-served basis. If you are interested, please contact garden@myglendale.ca.

We are also planning to expand! Please reach out if you have a passion for growing and landscaping and want to share ideas and expertise – native plants, hardy fruit, fruit forests, or anything else.

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## Tip Us Off on Your Glendale Conservation Project and Story

Are you adding solar, geo-thermal, heat pump, xeriscaping, permaculture or other renewable, sustainable or conservation measure in your Glendale residence? Share your experience with projects and practices with your neighbours! Contact thethumper@myglendale.ca, and we can develop an article together on what you did on your project.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Most events are free, and we ask that all participants have an active community association membership. Watch myglendale.ca/events for the following fun activities and to register.

#### April 2 to May 2, Tuesday and Thursday at Noon

– Yoga in the Hall - Join Sarah Macleod for 50-minute yoga classes. Drop-in rate is \$15 per class, register and pay for each session by logging into your membership account at myglendale.ca/membership.



**April 13 and 14, 8:30 am to Noon** – Pickleball and Tennis courts open house at the hall - sign up for this coming season!

**Tuesday, May 8, 2:00 to 4:00 pm** – Glendale Card Sharks – Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month.

**Sunday, May 5, 10:00 am** – Jane's Walk with Monika Smith - On the first weekend of May every year, Jane's Walk festivals take place in hundreds of cities around the world, encouraging people to share stories about their neighbourhoods, discover unseen aspects of their communities, and use walking as a way to connect with their neighbours. Meet at the hall!

**Tuesday, May 15, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm** – Glendale Book Club – Review popular genres in a friendly group! Kids are welcome and toys will be available. The meeting topics are posted to the event on myglendale.ca.

**May 12** – Glendale Community Cleanup is back, on Mother's Day! Community Cleanup events provide an opportunity for Calgarians to dispose of items that do not fit in their waste and recycling carts, or when residents do not have access to carts.

**May TBD** – Outdoor Sportball – The indoor programs that have been hosted at the hall have been very popular. This outdoor session will run for five weeks. Stay tuned at sportball.ca for registration details.

**Saturday, June 8** – Glendale Parade of Garage Sales is back, running from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Register your garage sale at www.glendalegaragesale.com/.

**Saturday, June 15** – To be confirmed; save the date for a hall reopening party!

**Saturday**, **July 6** – Glendale's Annual Stampede Breakfast!

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#### Sunday:

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#### **Boardroom**

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#### **Security Deposit**

\$500, returned seven days post-event. Rates include cleaning and are subject to GST.

**Note:** Rental rates will be increasing, effective for bookings November 2024 onwards. This includes a separate cleaning fee of \$100 per booking, a wedding weekend rate of \$2,350 for Friday evening through Sunday, and a 10% increase to all other fees listed above.



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#### **Pets of Glendale**

Wilson is a 12-year-old Retriever/St. Bernard who loves his neighbourhood! He can be seen strolling down Glenmount Drive, investigating all the different smells, or laying down for long moments in one of Glendale's green spaces. He doesn't go very far anymore, but he always enjoys meeting you and/or your pets when you're on a walk!



To have your pet featured in an upcoming edition of the Thumper, please send a photo and short write-up to thethumper@myglendale.ca. (Our Cat-alogue is steadily growing, and birds, fish, reptiles are welcome too!)

### **Call for Glendale Stories**

STORIES ENRICH OUR LIVES

The Glendale/Glendale Meadows community is full of stories waiting to come alive on the pages of this newsletter to be shared with our neighbours. We are always looking for content submitted by our local community members.

Even if you don't have a specific story to share in the Thumper, you can still contribute by:

- · Submitting a recipe (and perhaps photo) for "Recipe Corner"
- Sending in a photo and write-up on your pet for "Pets of Glendale"
- Submitting a picture of artwork that you, or a child in your life, has created.

Please e-mail submissions and questions to Thumper Editor, Laura Nixon at thethumper@myglendale.ca







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#### What's In Your Backyard?

Article and photo by Monika Smith

Glendale is fortunate in having a gorgeous variety of trees in our luxuriant canopy. It makes our community leafy, green, and desirable. Many are now mature trees from plantings when the community got started in the 1950s. That makes some of our trees around 70 years old. Our spruces and boulevard trees can easily hit 100, but depending on the species, 40 to 200 can be the life span. For those of you who have planted Limber pines (*Pinus flexilis*), they can live over a thousand years, bristlecone pines (*Pinus aristata*), even longer. Some very old trees are in nearby Edworthy Park. Visit a stand of Rocky Mountain Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii var. glauca*) along the Douglas Fir trail; some are at least 500 years old.

But we have trees that are aging out.

In our neighbourhood, we are facing a double whammy for our weeping birches. This is not a long-lived species to begin with, and some trees, like mine, are starting to age badly; they live about 40 to 50 years in Calgary. Secondly, they are also a water-loving tree.

The canopy on my tree is thinning out and branches have died and fallen off. If the top of the trees stops producing leaves and looks dead, it won't take long to die, progressing rapidly from top to bottom. I have had to make the difficult decision, in consultation with an arborist, to take it down. For decades, that tree has been a constant joy. A place for birds and squirrels to romp around in, and gorgeous golden fall colour. I will miss it.

One of my crabapples is having a tough time. Crabapples are thriftier than birches, but only live 40 to 60 years. Sadly, this tree with its pink spring beauty will also come down. A lot of birds will lose a place to roost, feed, and shelter. One badly sited tree, an apricot, is dying and an unknown fungus is slowly breaking it down, doing an important job of recycling.

I'm looking at shrubs to take their place. My delightful native pin cherry (*Prunus pensylvanica*) is now multi-stemmed and about three metres tall. Maybe another one? Native trees and shrubs can handle prairie dryness and clay soils plus foothills see-saw weather: chinooks, hail, cloudbursts, deep cold, wind gusts, no snow to snowmageddons, and heat.

Water restrictions are coming. The Bow Basin has twelve water shortage advisories as of December 2023. The City of Calgary's recommendation is to water most species to the roots one or two times a month during the growing season (April to September) and increase to once a week during hot weather. Use about 38 litres per inch of trunk diameter (at 54-inches above grade). The bigger the tree, the more water!

Keep an eye on your trees this summer, especially those older ones that just might be senescing. They'll need help this coming summer. Water well.

Keep them healthy so we can enjoy our canopy for years to come.

Join me for a Jane's Walk, May 5, to talk and chat about our wonderfully treed community and how to keep them healthy!

Until next time,

Monika's Grove

membership@myglendale.ca



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