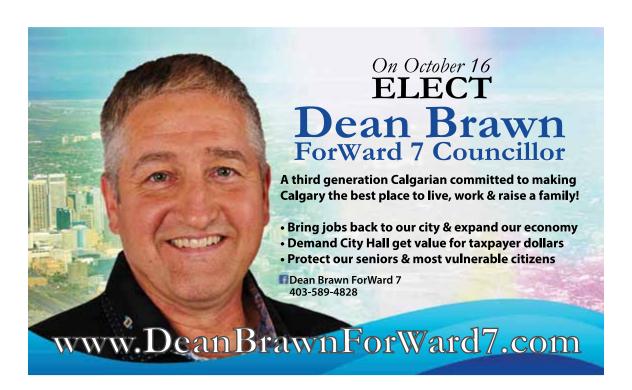
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#### **CBE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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September brings new faces to our schools, eager to start the year. Our hallways are once again full of excitement with friends seeing each other after summer break. Our teachers are brimming with new ideas and fun opportunities for learning. The beginning of a school year brings endless opportunities for parents and students alike. While students are joining clubs, activities and sports, families also have the chance to connect with schools and their child's learning.

Whether this is your first September with the CBE, your child's last "Back-to-School" season, or you simply are reminded of your own experiences, September is an exciting time. As this Board completes our term and our city looks forward to a Municipal Election in October, it is a wonderful time to reflect on what we have achieved and plan for a fresh start.

It's also a natural time of year to think about the role we each play in public education. The CBE Board of Trustees, CBE administration, school staff, families, community members and the Government share a common goal - creating a strong school system that supports student success.

Public education plays a critical role in our society. Our students are truly one of the best investments that tax pavers make – as successful students become successful citizens who contribute their ideas, passion and economic energy to society in ways that benefit us all.

We believe that learning is a partnership and that the success of our students relies on the energy, thoughts and commitment of everyone in our community. When you share your perspectives and expectations, we are able to learn and improve.

As an elected Board of Trustees, we have had the privilege of meeting with many parents, families, community members and partners over the past four years. We value your voice, and we would like to thank each one of you who contribute to the success of our students and the CBE.

The CBE Board of Trustees

#### WHMCA EVENTS



#### Mom's Night Out Returns in September!

#### **Community Clean-Up Day**

September 9th, 2017, 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. \*\*If you are interested in volunteering at this event please contact volunteers@winstonheights.ca

#### **Garage Raising**

September 16,17 & 23, 24

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The first task is to assemble the corrugated steel shell. The second task is to build the end walls.

We are looking for four volunteers each shift.

The first task is mainly screwing pieces of metal together. The second task will require some carpentry skills. Tools would be an asset, but some will be avail-

#### Dates / time

Saturday, September 16, 8:30-12:00 and 12:30-4:00 Sunday, September 17, 8:30-12:00 and 12:30-4:00

Saturday, September 23, 8:30-12:00 and 12:30-4:00 Sunday, September 24, 8:30-12:00 and 12:30-4:00

Sign up online at winstonheights.ca/activitiesevents/garage-build/

Help make your community better!

## **Book Club**

On September 19th, after discussing "Tiny Wife" by Andrew Kaufman, we'll be choosing our next round of books! We invite you to bring a title or two you'd like to put forward to the group. We give a guick description of each and then put it to a vote with the top 6 books making the new list. (You are more than welcome to join us even if you are new to the group, don't have a book to put forward or haven't quite finished "Tiny Wife"!)

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#### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

#### **Board Report Notes**

New DP's

- DP2017-2092 425 23 Avenue NE subdivision application only at this time, committee had no objections
- DP2017-2064 409 22 Avenue NE New Multi-Residential Development, 1 building 3 units
- Comment was made to the City that there is not sufficient amenity space allotted. The city has commented back stating no relaxation on amenity space will be granted.
- DP2017-0133 603 26 Avenue NE Tentative Plan Residential Two Single Family Dwellings
- At this time the subdivision application only has been submitted. The committee has no objections to the subdivision, however the surrounding neighbours have concerns about parking and shadowing of the future development. Comments were made to the city that it would be appreciated to see the plans and have the opportunity to comment even if they are contextual due to the neighbour concerns.

#### **HELLO FROM THE GARDEN**

Next time you visit the garden, please notice our new suggestion box. We're hoping to collect the comments and ideas of our gardeners and our guests. We encourage you to share your thoughts with us via the new box. Look for it near the Little Free Library.

The community garden would like to welcome everyone to come visit and see how well our crops are progressing this year. We ask you not to pick from the individual beds, but there are signed tasting gardens, an herb spiral, and lots of fruit trees and bushes, including some giant rhubarb, from which guest are welcome to sample. Please remember that lots of our trees and shrubs are still in their tender early years and need to be treated gently.

Also, we'd like to remind folks that everyone is welcome to register for our upcoming workshops. Please reserve your spot in advance. Tickets \$10.00.

#### October 11th Putting your bed to bed

**Speaker:** Janet Melrose from Calgary's Cottage Gardener

Become a Friend of the Garden, join the 2018 Community Garden waitlist, or register for the garden talks via email: communitygarden@winstonheights.ca



#### Membership Form 2017/2018

#### We are excited to have you join this great Community Association!

Membership # (if known):
First Name (required):
Last Name (required):
Resident (FREE):
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Total # of Family Members at Home:(required):
Ages:
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Unit #: House #:
Street (required):
Postal Code (required):
Phone #:
Email (required):
Spouse/Partner First Name:
Spouse/Partner Last Name :
Spouse/Partner Email:

#### Are you interested in volunteering to help with events, activities, join the board or to join a committee?

(please check all that may apply)

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- Community Clean-Up
- Facility and Operations Committee
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- Heritage Committee
- Membership Campaign
- Newsletter
- Planning Committee
- Playgroup
- Pre-Stampede Party
- Quiz Night
- Rink (flooding)
- Rink (organization and planning)
- Rink (setup/teardown)
- Santa's Breakfast and Craft Market

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- Social Media Photography
- Traffic Committee
- Volunteer Coordination

Memberships are required for spring sport activity registration (eg: Deerfoot Soccer requires that you have an up-todate community membership). If you want to rent the hall, members get a discounted rate.

If you want to attend a function such as the Pre-Stampede Bar-B-Que or rent a table at the Craft Market you also receive a discount.

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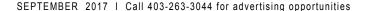
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### **Blue-winged Teal –** a Little Dabbler

Article by J.G. Turner, image courtesy of www.naturespicsonline.com

The Blue-winged Teal is a small, dabbling duck that is only about 16 inches (40 cm) long, with a wingspan of 23 inches (58 cm) and weighing in at only 13 ounces (370 g). The adult male has a rounded slate blue head with a crescent shaped band of feathers behind its black bill and in front of its black eyes. The male has a light brown body with a white patch near the rear and a black tail, and shows a blue patch with a white border on its fore wings, especially when in flight. The adult female is a mottled or scalloped grey-brown with a whitish patch at the base of the tail and bill, and a dark line through its black eye.

#### Fun Facts:

- A dabbling duck feeds on the surface on vegetation or water insects just ducking its head under water, or by tipping right up, pointing its tail end upwards while feeding on submerged vegetation
- The Blue-winged Teal's formal name (Anis discors) comes from the Latin words for "a duck" (Anis) and discors or "disc about the mouth" which may refer to the face pattern of the male.
- This is the most common teal in Alberta's grassland and parkland areas. Although it is found in the right habitat throughout the province, the Blue-winged Teal is most common in central and southern Alberta.
- This dabbler is most often found in the calmer waters of marshes, sloughs, ponds and the weedy edges of

- small lakes. Nests are built in concealing grasses or vegetation on dry land, but near to water.
- This little duck hangs out in pairs or small groups spending most of their time foraging in shallow waters.
- In the late summer, the Blue-winged Teal undergoes a moult (during which they shed their old feathers and grow new ones), which prevents them from flying so they will spend this time in prairie sloughs or large marshes with good food supplies.
- These dabblers are the first ducks to go south in the fall and the last ones to arrive north for the breeding season in the spring. It is likely that they leave early and arrive back late because they are long distance migrators, some going as far as South America - a Blue-winged Teal banded in Alberta was found in Venezuela a month later!

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal in distress, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society hotline at 403-239-2488, for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at www. calgarywildlife.org for more information.

#### **Share Your Community Pics**

Do you like photography? Do you like Social Media? Combine the two and help show off our wonderful community on **Instagram!** Follow and tag us @ Follow our hashtag #whmca.



Submit photos to publish: communications@winstonheights.ca or maybe you can join our team of volunteers and post directly, email us for more details. Your photo could end up on the cover of our newsletter!

### YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

#### Autumn Pumpkin Festival - Calgary Corn Maze & Fun Farm, Weekends in October

Celebrate Autumn each weekend in October at the corn maze, the fun farm and the petting zoo. Endless activities to keep the wee ones occupied and then pick a pumpkin to take home on your way home. Not all activities included in admission price. More info: calgarycornmaze.com.

#### The Great Grilled Cheese Cook-off – Jerome's Appliance Gallery, Oct. 1

Amateur and professional chefs will prepare their very own gourmet grilled cheese recipes in support of Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids. Your mission is to taste 10 samples and then judge them along with a distinguished panel of judges, with a hand-crafted soda to wash it all down.

#### Piaf! The Show - Arts Commons, Oct. 4

A powerful and moving celebration of the life and music of the legendary French chanteuse, Edith Piaf. Starring Anne Carrere who has been hailed as "Edith Piaf's legitimate musical heiress," Piaf! The Show has received rave reviews around the globe. More info: artscommons.ca.

#### Wordfest - various venues, Oct. 10 - 15

Wordfest is a not-for-profit organization that hosts yearround literary events featuring the world's best writers at around 70 events in our city. More info: wordfest.com.

#### Reconciliation Journey: Walking a Path Together -Carriage House Inn, Oct. 12

This is the second conference planned this year by the Indigenous Advisory Committee through the Enough For All Catalyst Fund. Expect discussions of the organization's work on Reconciliation as they relate to the 94 Calls to Action, as well as special guests, keynote speakers and panel discussions about the exciting work happening across Calgary. More info: vibrantcalgary.com.

Ghoul's Night Out - Heritage Park, Oct. 26 - 27 Heritage Park will be transformed into a spooky extravaganza for families with children three to nine. Ghostly encounters, crafts, treats, festive festooning and so much more! Look for more info to come: heritagepark.ca.

#### HALLOWEEKENDS – CALAWAY PARK **SEPT. 9 – OCT. 9**

Enjoy Calaway in full spooky splendour with the Boo Crew, and don't miss: face painting, Thriller dance lessons, scavenger hunts, special guests, family photos and more! There will even be a costume contest on Sept. 16. More info: calawaypark.com.



#### **ZACHARY LUCKY – GALLERY HOUSE CONCERT SOCIETY, OCT. 2**

Check out this unapologetically old-school country performer. Armed with his husky, baritone voice, he has received comparisons to Gordon Lightfoot and Kris Kristofferson. He sings of Canadian places and people, and puts on a sultry and intimate performance. More info: galleryhouseconcerts.com



#### CANADA SOCCER'S TOYOTA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP U-15 CUP - CALGARY SOCCER CENTRE, OCT. 5 – 9

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Students in Grade 2 to Grade 12 can access free online tutoring at calgarylibrary.ca/resource/brainfuse. Students in Grade 3 to 12 can prepare for tests and final exams, take lessons, and review coursework at calgarylibrary.ca/resource/solaro. Both resources are aligned with the Alberta curriculum.

#### 2017 Author in Residence

Calgary Public Library's 2017 Author in Residence is Bruce Hunter, an award-winning writer and poet. Hunter will offer public programs, readings, and individual manuscript consultations, from September 11 to November 24. Whether you're a beginner or established writer, you can meet with Hunter at Central Library. Email air@calgarylibrary.ca starting August 28 to book an appointment.

#### **Saddletowne Early Learning Centre**

There's a new place to play in Calgary! Step inside the transformed space at the Saddletowne Library and discover the five stages of early learning. Play is a priority at the Library, because it's central to how kids learn and grow. The Saddletowne Early Learning Centre opens mid-September.

Looking for more places to play? Check out the Early Learning Centres at Fish Creek, Shawnessy, Quarry Park, and Village Square Libraries. Central Library hosts The New Adventures of Engine 23 interactive firetruck exhibit, and the Forest Lawn Library Nature Playground opened in August. Come play!

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- ◆ Free announcements: lost/found, household items for sale, wanted, garage sale, student/senior services, etc.
- ◆ Forty word limit

Part-time after-school childcare/dayhome **needed** for curious and fun AM kindergarten student at Mount View School starting in September. Please contact Kendra: ou-chi@ hotmail.com.

LOVE TO SING? A non-audition World Music community choir, Vocal Latitudes meets Tuesday evenings from September to May in a central location. Repertoire includes jazz, gospel, African, Canadian, Renaissance, pop, original contemporary. Vocal Latitudes puts on a winter and spring concert and participates in special events. For more information, see www.vocalatitudes.org.





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#### **Community Conversations**

This past summer was very busy in our community with many neighbourhood events, special Canada 150 festivities, cultural celebrations and, of course, the annual Stampede. With Parliament recessed over the summer, I was able to attend many more events and enjoy the very best our communities had to offer.

Our community is shaped by our vibrant mix of cultures, languages and interests, and yet we remain a strong community because we also share so much in common. I am always amazed at how welcoming one community is of another and their desire to share their passion for their cultures, their sports, their music, their art and many other things. If you have never attended a cultural celebration for a culture other than your own, I strongly suggest you do and you will find the experience both welcoming and educational.

Community events provided a great opportunity for me to informally speak with many residents and I found the conversations to be both insightful and thoughtprovoking as people shared ideas on many topics. I spoke with seniors, students, families and small business operators who also shared their concerns on several issues too. The economy, jobs, marijuana legalization and the payment to Omar Khadr were the top three issues raised with me throughout the summer and I expect they will be the top issues when Parliament resumes this month.

This summer I also spent time door-knocking in several communities and appreciated the warm welcome I received at virtually every door. Even those who openly stated they had not voted for me in the past were appreciative of the fact that I came to their door to hear their concerns so that I can better represent them in Ottawa. I find these doorstep interactions so candid and refreshing and they offer a great opportunity to speak with people who would not otherwise reach out to participate in our great democracy. We really are fortunate that we live in a country where this is possible as such activities in many other nations are unimaginable.

It is the volunteer efforts of hundreds of folks in our community that make our city such a great place to call home. On behalf of all residents, I want to thank all those who made this summer so memorable for everyone in our community.

My monthly email newsletter is received by thousands of households and it details many of the things I am involved in and provides critical information for all residents. Those who receive the newsletter often comment that they appreciate the balanced tone of the newsletter and its timely updates. Others remark that reading the community survey results is their favourite part of the newsletter and encourage me to keep providing them with the opportunity to share their opinions on important issues. If you are not receiving my monthly email newsletter and would be interested in receiving it, please visit my website at www.lenwebber. ca to sign up.





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Hello Ward 9 Neighbours,

This October you and your fellow Calgarians will have the chance to participate in one of the most important and meaningful experiences we share as Canadians – voting, October 16. 2017 is your opportunity to have your say in the future of your neighbourhood, your community, and your city, as you head to the polls to elect a Mayor, your City Councillor, and your School Board Trustee.

Often, there can be cynicism about the political process of electing representatives who may not share or understand your personal views, priorities, or sense of direction for Calgary. When faced with that cynicism, remember that the thread that links these candidates is their love of community and belief that they can make things better for all of us. That diversity of vision, when tested against your questions and engagement, reveal the best person for the task in moving us forward.

Unlike other orders of government, we interact with our mu-

nicipal government everyday - from the moment we wake up, to the moment we head to sleep, and even in between. From providing safe drinking water and electricity to our homes, to paving, maintaining and clearing roads during the winter months, providing transit, deploying our police and fire service, to providing recreational programming and affordable housing to Calgarians, local government impacts our lives immeasurably.

This year, there will be significant changes in Ward 9 as the ward boundaries have changed. The communities of Tuxedo Park, Winston Heights-Mountview, Rideau-Roxboro, Park Hill, Erlton, Acadia and Riverbend will move to Wards 7, 8, 11 and 12, respectively.

During the next few months you will have candidates knocking at your door, calling your homes and reaching out to you in a number of ways to ask for your support and for your vote. Be prepared to challenge them with your questions about everything from street sweeping, to transportation, to their long-term vision for Calgary. Sign up for updates. Attend your neighbourhood candidate debate. Speak with your family, friends and neighbours, and most importantly, vote.

To make the process of voting easier for Calgarians, The City has created a website specifically geared to this October's election. To sign up for updates, find out when and where to vote, and to confirm voter ID requirements, please visit www. calgary.ca/election.

All the best to you as you make your voting decisions!





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Hello Calgary-Klein,

Your help is needed in improving Alberta's consumer protections!

The Government of Alberta is seeking feedback on ways the government can improve Alberta's consumer protection legislation. Feedback is required on several topics, including contract-related issues like warranties and cancellation rights, as well as shopping-related concerns like transparency in pricing and reward points. The government is also seeking input on topics like household moving services, debt collection, ticket sales and auto repairs.

Do you have stories regarding your experiences with these issues and their related products or services? If you have suggestions for how we can make life more affordable for Albertans by ensuring a fair marketplace

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that's fair for buyers and sellers, please provide your feedback to this important initiative.

You can participate in several ways:

Complete an online survey, which will run until September 15th.

The survey can be accessed at https://extranet.gov. ab.ca/opinio6//s?s=36636 or by visiting http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca.

- Attend the Open House session, with available dates posted at http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca.
- Follow the #ABConsumerProtection hashtag on Twitter for other engagement opportunities.

As part of the efforts to strengthen consumer protection and ensure a level playing field for Alberta businesses, the government has already taken the following steps:

- Payday lending: Put an end to 600 per cent predatory interest rates on payday loans to prevent Albertans from spiralling into poverty. Alberta now has the country's strongest protections and lowest interest rates for borrowers.
- Door-to-door sales: Put an end to misleading, aggressive sales tactics by banning door-to-door sales of energy products and services. The ban includes furnaces, hot water tanks, air conditioners, windows, energy audits, and electricity and natural gas contracts.
- Electricity price cap: Introduced a price cap to make life more affordable and ensure electricity bills are fair.
- New home buyer protection: Introduced a builder licensing framework to protect consumers as well as the reputation of good builders.

Your participation will help Albertans increase trust and build confidence between businesses and consumers.

Thank you to all who came out to my "Cool Down with Coolahan" Pool Party last August! It was a pleasure meeting so many of you and enjoying the last days of summer together.

As always, our office is happy to hear from you, and may be reached at calgary.klein@assembly.ab.ca or 403-216-5430. I'll be available for the next Coffee with Craig at the Velvet Café (502 25 Ave NW) on Oct 14th from 10am-12pm.



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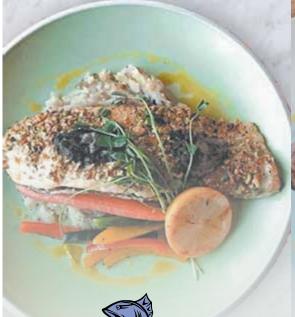
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