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We look forward to meeting you and working together every step of the way on planning the best development possible for Arbour Lake.

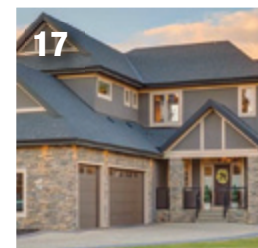
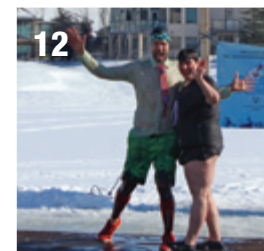
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**JoinUs**

5 pm - 8 pm  
Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Arbour Lake Residents Hall

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# ALRA VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

## VISION

Arbour Lake will be the most desirable community that encompasses world class amenities, a sense of welcoming and engaging residents to live the exclusive lake lifestyle.



## ARBOUR LAKE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Arbour Lake Residents Association is a limited company that was registered under the laws of Alberta on July 19, 1991. The purpose of this company is to care for, and improve upon, the Arbour Lake amenities, with the main focus being a pristine ten-acre lake in the heart of the community.

## ARBOUR LAKE RESIDENTS HALL RENTALS:

Please see our website at [www.arbourslake.com](http://www.arbourslake.com) for rental information or visit the lake office  
Monday – Friday 9am-4pm. Email: [hallrentals@arbourslake.com](mailto:hallrentals@arbourslake.com)  
Phone: 403-241-2628

# ALRA BOARD REPORT

We hope you are all recovering from this crazy winter season. The varying temperatures and plenty of snow gave the lake staff a run for their money this year! We were fortunate enough to complete all of the winter programs this year, despite fluctuating temperature and ice conditions. Remember that when the lake is RED FLAG, it is unsafe to walk on the ice – or take a short cut across. Stay safe by staying far away from the lake edge.

You can check lake status by watching the flags, calling the office or checking the website at [www.arbourslake.com](http://www.arbourslake.com). Our website got a revamp this winter, so that our website could be more modern and user friendly. We hope you love the new look as much as we do!

The flower beds have been planned for the spring. We are planning to start planting at the end of May – weather permitting!

Arbour Lake will be offering 7 weeks of children's camps this summer! Along with all of our other programs, camps fill up quickly! Registration opened on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration must be done at the lake office. It is our recommendation to call the office to check availability, as programs fill fast!

The Polar Plunge was another huge success! 764 people came to enjoy this amazing event. 173 of those people took the plunge! A small crew of Arbour Lake staff

formed a corporate team and raised more funds than any other corporate team that took the plunge! Thank you to everyone who plunged and donated. Together, we were able to raise \$53,000.00 to support Special Olympics.

Upcoming events are the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children 12 and under on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Meet your Neighbours Wine, Scotch and Cheese Social will be on Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> and another round of Family Bingo will be on Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>. Residents are required to sign up for Bingo Night. The cost is \$10.00 per family, and this includes bingo cards and a \$5 concession voucher.

We are looking forward to warm weather and seeing all of your smiling faces at the lake this summer!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Easter Extravaganza – April 9<sup>th</sup>

Hop on down to the lake to search for Easter eggs! The Easter egg hunt is for kids 12 years and under! The extravaganza runs from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. The kids can also enjoy face painting, prizes and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

\*Egg hunt is for children ages 12 and under\*

\*\*Must be an Arbour Lake Resident and **LAKE CARD REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE\*\***

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CONTACT THE LAKE OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS!**



\*For children 12 & under\*  
\*\*Lake Card Required\*\*

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 2017, 1 – 3 pm

# EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

Easter Bunny, Egg Hunt, Prizes, Face Painting, & More!!!



## Wine & Scotch Event – April 28<sup>th</sup>

Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Mingle with the neighbours! Meet us in the hall for some fine wine and cheese. This is a great opportunity to learn more about wine, cheese and the people in your community!

*Must be an Arbour Lake Resident and you must have your lake card to enter.*

## Family Bingo – May 5<sup>th</sup>

Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

Everyone loves Bingo! Spend some quality time competing with your family and friends to see who gets the first Bingo! This is a fun, all-ages event that will be sure to liven up your Friday night! \*\*Register at the lake office soon, limited space is available. Cost is \$10 per family.

# Family Bingo Night



\$10 per family  
(Includes 10 cards &  
\$5 Concession voucher!)

**Friday, May 5th 2017, 7:00 pm**

**Register at Lake Office (limited spots)**



# HALL PROGRAMS

**The Arbour Lake Residents Hall hosts various programs through the Arbour Lake Residents Association as well as independent groups. Keep busy and connect with others through our various programs!**

## Arbour Lake Seniors Group:

Seniors come and enjoy a coffee, play games and socialize with other residents, they meet Tuesdays from 1:00pm – 3:00pm in the Arbour Lake Residents Hall and always have a great time. Contact Skip at 403-239-9143 or Jim at 403-239-1628 for more details.

## Arbour Lake Book Club:

This group meets on the first Monday of each month in the Arbour Lake Residents Hall from 1:00 – 2:30pm. This voluntary group of reading enthusiasts meets to chat about the book the group has read for the month, while getting to know members of Arbour Lake. The book club will be discussing “North of Normal: A Memoir of My Wilderness Childhood, My Unusual Family, and How I Survived Both” by Cea Sunrise Person on April 3rd and “A Widow for One Year” by John Irving on May 1st. Contact Elizabeth at eliza123@shaw.ca for more information.

## Arbour Lake Adult Choir:

If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of a choir, come join us Tuesday evenings from 8:00pm – 9:00pm in the Residents Hall. For more information, contact Karen at 403-275-9845.

## Child Safe Canada Programs:

Child Safe Canada offers various safety programs at the Arbour Lake Residents Hall. Programs are offered throughout the year and include “Strangers & Dangers”, “Don’t Touch! It’s my Body”, “Home Alone Safety”, and “Red Cross Babysitter Program”. For more information or to register, please visit [www.childsafecanada.com](http://www.childsafecanada.com).

## Foxy Kickboxing:

This Fitness Class is for Women and run by Women. It is sure to turn you into a “Knockout”! Program runs Mondays 7:15pm – 8:15pm throughout the entire year in the Arbour Lake Residents Hall. For program information, please call 1-888-974-3699 or visit [www.foxykickboxing.ca](http://www.foxykickboxing.ca).

## Tabata Boot Camp:

Get results fast in a fun 8 week Bootcamp. Sessions run Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm and Saturdays at 8:00am in the Arbour Lake Residents Hall. Noon hour sessions are also offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

For details and to register visit [www.tabatawithjudi.com](http://www.tabatawithjudi.com) or email [tabatawithjudi@shaw.ca](mailto:tabatawithjudi@shaw.ca). Register now!

## Sportball for Kids:

Introduce the little ones to the fundamentals of eight popular sports: baseball, football, basketball, golf, hockey, soccer, tennis and volleyball! Parent & Child (2-3 yrs) Sportball is offered Mondays from 9:15am – 10:00am and Child Sportball (3-5 yrs) is offered Mondays at 10:00am – 11:00am in the Residents Hall. This program reinforces self-confidence, free from the pressure of competition, while developing gross motor skills. For more information and registration, visit [www.sportball.ca](http://www.sportball.ca)

## Hall Rentals Basics:

### Can I rent the hall?

Any person over the age of 21 may rent the hall. The hall can be rented for independent group programs, presentations and personal events such as birthday parties.

### When can I book hall rentals?

Hall rentals must be booked at the Lake office Monday – Friday from 9am – 4pm. You must come into the lake office to book your rental as we must go through a rental contract and necessary information with you. **What do I need to rent the hall?**

You need your photo ID, payment for the hall rental, and a damage deposit cheque for \$400.00 at the minimum. If you will be having alcohol at your event, you must obtain a liquor license and Party Alcohol Liability Insurance. Proof of these must be given seven days prior to the event.

### Where is more rental information?

Website: [www.arbourlake.com](http://www.arbourlake.com)

Email: [hallrentals@arbourlake.com](mailto:hallrentals@arbourlake.com)

Phone: 403-241-2628

Lake Office: Monday – Friday (9am – 4pm)



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## Spring/Summer Program Registration – Open NOW!

We have been hard at work planning our spring and summer lineup of Programs and are very excited to be offering tennis, stand up paddleboard, canoe, kayak, yoga, tai chi, boot camp on the beach & fishing lessons as well as 7 WEEKS of SUMMER CAMPS! Camps will also offer a Before and After care option if families require additional care. Registration is at the Lake office and must be done in person. Please call the lake office for additional information at 403-241-2628, or visit the website to view all programs offered.

## Lake Fees

Arbour Lake annual fees are overdue as of February 1, 2017. If you have not paid your fees yet be sure to do it soon as interest is accumulating on your overdue balance at the rate of 18% per annum, compounded monthly. Your access to the lake is also currently denied until your fees are paid in full.

You can pay your fees at the lake office by cheque, debit, Visa or Mastercard. **Visa and Mastercard payments are subject to a 3.5% convenience fee.** You can also pay your fees at your local bank or through your online

banking by adding Arbour Lake Residents Association as a payee. You will find your account number located on your invoice. If you are unsure of your account number, please contact the office. Lake fees are mandatory for all residents living in Arbour Lake and you can't opt out of paying them.

## Ice at the Lake

As summer approaches, the warmer weather softens the ice and makes it very dangerous at this time of year. Please remember our flag pole indicators. *If the Red Flag is up it is unsafe to walk on or take a short cut across the ice.* The flag poles are located around the lake and at the front entrance of the parking lot.

## Watch the Flags!

Watch our flags, which indicate whether the ice is open or not.

**RED flag** – Full closure (Stay away from the ice)

**YELLOW flag** – Partial closure (Call the office or ask a staff member for details)

**GREEN flag** – Open for all activities

## Catch and Release ONLY!

At this time, only catch and release fishing will be permitted at Arbour Lake, until further notice. THERE WILL BE NO KEEPING OF ANY FISH OF ANY SIZE OR KIND! This is a result of Alberta Environment and Parks shutting down all fish stocking within the bow river drainage area, of which Arbour Lake is included. Due to whirling disease found in the Bow River and commercial fish culture operations, the lake will not be stocked indefinitely, and as such, no fish may be kept indefinitely. Any fish that cannot be returned to the water, must be surrendered to a staff member.

## Clothing Donation Bin

Have your kids grown out of their new clothes before actually wearing them? Do you have clothes in your closet taking up space that you don't really wear? Arbour Lake Residents Association has a clothing donation bin in front of the lake office, close to the fire lane. Drop off your gently used clothing to help clear up the clutter in your closet. Clothing will only be accepted in bags, dropped inside the container. Please do not leave bags next to the donation bin. Bags or items left next to the donation bin will be sent to the landfill. **NO HOUSEHOLD GOODS PLEASE!**



Arbour Lake Residents Hall Rentals

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Website: www.arbourlake.com

Visit our website at [www.arbourlake.com](http://www.arbourlake.com) under the Rentals tab for more information



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**2017**

# Spring and Summer Program Registration

Programs include:  
Tennis, Canoeing, Kayaking, Youth Rod & Reel, Yoga / Tai Chi / Bootcamp on the beach, Stand up Paddle boarding, Water Safety, Fly Casting, 7 Weeks of Summer Camp and more!

**Program Registration is now open! Register at the lake office! In person registrations only.**

Payment methods accepted: Cash, Cheque, Debit, Visa, MasterCard.

Download a 2017 Spring/Summer Programs brochure at [www.arbourlake.com](http://www.arbourlake.com) for program details.



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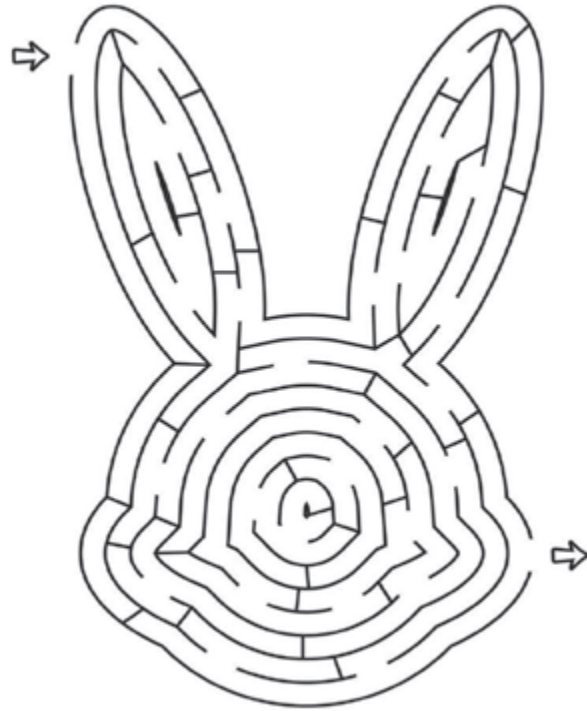
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Colour the picture and drop it off at the lake office for a chance to win a great prize!

**The Winner for February 2017 is Mackenzie Davies. Please stop by the lake office to pick up your prize!**



# EVENTS RECAP

## Polar Plunge

More than \$53,000.00 was raised at this year's Polar Plunge! Thank you to all those who supported the event by plunging, donating, and coming out to the event! With the help of our partners, Special Olympics Alberta and the Law Enforcement Torch Run, we were able to handle an astonishing 175 plungers this year! Funds raised go towards Special Olympics Alberta, which is dedicated to enriching the lives of Albertans with intellectual disabilities through the joy and empowerment of sport.

Every plunge makes a difference to more than 3,000 Albertans with intellectual disabilities. Thanks to the amazing support of Arbour Lake residents, the wider Calgary community and our partners – we were able to make a huge difference in the lives of Alberta Special Olympics Athletes.

Special thanks goes to our amazing sponsors for donating prizes for the top plungers. Sponsors include Heritage Park, YMCA, Cora, Tony Roma's, The chopped leaf, Brewsters and Councillor Joe Magliocca. Thank you also to Crowfoot Tim Hortons! We could not have made it through the day without your hot coffee!

## Winter Activities at the Lake

It has been great to see so many members out on the ice this winter season! Our Programs have been going fantastic and the weather has been nice to us this year. Hoping for a great Spring/Summer to come!



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Thank you to all who participated in this year's Polar Plunge in Arbour Lake. Over \$40,000 was raised for Special Olympics! Thanks also to the Arbour Lake Residents Association for hosting this great event.

Complete your census and voter registration at the same time! Watch the mail for your access code and visit [calgary.ca/census](http://calgary.ca/census) from April 1 to 21 to complete your census and voter registration online. The census data collected every year is used to ensure adequate programs and services are available to meet the needs of Calgarians. If you are unable to complete your census online, door-to-door census and voter registration collection will begin April 22, 2017.

Winter is coming to an end and Calgary Snow Angels have been helping people get around their neighbourhood all season. Snow Angels help keep a neighbourhood safe to travel in while building community spirit. If you, or someone you know has been helped by a Snow Angel, call 311 or go on line to recognize them and nominate them for prizes. For more information visit [calgary.ca/SnowAngels](http://calgary.ca/SnowAngels).

From April 7 to May 28, all three City landfills will waive fees for residential spring yard waste. Bring your leaves, branches, plants (no sod – it can't be composted) and other yard waste to any City landfill for free composting. Please use paper yard waste bags, leave the material loose or bring it in plastic bags (plastic bags must be emptied onsite). This program is only for residential customers and charges will apply if your load contains other items. Free mulch is available for pick up at all City landfills for both residents and businesses. Bring your shovels as you are required to load your own vehicle.

### Joe's Tip

Please note that landfill hours have changed! Check the days/hours of City landfills at [calgary.ca/yardwaste](http://calgary.ca/yardwaste).



In January the Beavers started 2017 off right by participating in a Healthy and Active Living segment. This included an evening presentation that discussed healthy eating and activity games. Later that month the Beavers also had a gymnastics outing at the Calgary Gymnastics Centre where they practiced tumbling, jumping and swinging. They are looking forward to the Baden Powell celebration as well as building their Beaver Buggies in February.

Our Cub Pack enjoyed an evening of skating, hot chocolate and friendship around the fire at the Bowness Park Lagoon.





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Angela	15	403-288-3410	Yes
Bailie	16	403-210-0113	Yes
Brenda	50	403-208-3623	Yes
Callie	17	403-519-8835	Yes
Emily	18	587-777-5046	Yes
Gabby	22	403-667-7276	Yes
Heila	13	587-968-1599	No
Julia	59	403-547-0380	Yes
Kate	21	403-703-2669	Yes
Madison	15	403-241-9188	Yes
Maria	17	403-615-3797	Yes
Maria	17	403-615-3797	Yes
Megan	16	403-241-5152	Yes
Meghan	15	403-239-2179	Yes
Michelle	15	403-208-0918	Yes
Naomi	17	403-615-9834	Yes
Naomi	17	403-615-9834	Yes
Nikita	12	587-227-9483	Yes
Yuna	17	587-969-7816	Yes

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**Calling All PARENTS** Visit [mybabysitter.ca](http://mybabysitter.ca) and find available babysitters in and around your community.

Disclaimer: We recommend for your own peace of mind that references be checked when choosing your babysitter. This babysitter list is provided as a service to the community and is governed by the terms & conditions outlined at [mybabysitter.ca](http://mybabysitter.ca).

## IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

### St Ambrose School

April brings a certain excitement and anticipation for spring as the warmer weather prevails! Our junior high students are excited as they begin their third and final trimester in their CTF/Flexibility Option classes – which range from Wilderness Survival, Robotics, Jewelry Making, Improv Games and much more. Our elementary students are busy at recess as they participate in numerous clubs such as drama, dance and board games. We also have drama, dance and improv clubs that students love to participate in. Our Fine Arts team continue to prepare for Danceworks and High School Musical Jr.

As Catholics, we prepared for Easter by trying our best to keep our Lenten promises. Our Holy Thursday liturgy was very solemn and reminded us of all the blessings that we have to be thankful for in our lives.



## CALGARY MOUNTAINVIEW LIONS CLUB

**Help us help others. Join Calgary Mountainview Lions Club**  
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## Lost Pets

Happy Spring!

Spring is always an exciting season at Calgary Humane Society. At the shelter our dog walkers are thrilled to say 'goodbye' to all the snow and our dogs are even more thrilled to say 'hello' to all the mud! Thankfully we have some top notch volunteer groomers who keep all our furry friends spic and span. Spring also marks a rush of activity for our animal admissions staff. Spring is our busiest season at Calgary Humane Society, in part due to an increase in lost and stray animals.

Having a cherished family pet go missing is extremely stressful, but there are a number of steps you can take to bring Fido or Fluffy home safe and sound.

- 1. Start making lost reports.** When you call, provide as much information as you can about where and when your pet was lost and provide a good description of your pet. The following organizations are a good starting point for lost reports. Make sure to check the lost and found section of the City of Calgary and CHS website as well!
  - Calgary Humane Society Animal Admissions: 403-205-4455
  - City of Calgary Animal Services – 311
  - Post a lost listing on Kijiji/YC Pet Recovery/Local Buy/Sell websites
- 2. Check with local veterinary clinics.** Many lost pets are found by Good Samaritans and brought to local veterinary clinics.
- 3. Put out your pet's things to entice your pet home.** Put food, a favorite bed, litterbox and other familiar objects out to help tempt your pet back home.
- 4. Arrange a search party.** Call friends, relatives and neighbours to help search for your pet. Choose the people that your pet is *most familiar and friendly with* to go out and search.
- 5. Create lost posters and hang them up.** Create lost posters with a picture of your pet. Include a number that you can always be reached at (like a cell phone) on the sign. Hang up the posters in the areas that you think your pet might be, concentrating on areas where lots of people will see the signs.
- 6. Above all, never lose hope.** At Calgary Humane Society we have seen some amazing reunions. We have reunited pets with their family years, and even a decade after they went missing.

Wishing you all a safe and happy spring!



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Deadline – 1<sup>st</sup> of each month for the next month's publication**

Contact [news@great-news.ca](mailto:news@great-news.ca)

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

**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY:** Saturday, May 6 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at All Saints Lutheran Church, 380 Midpark Blvd. SE. Spring/summer clothing donations welcomed at the church from May 2-5, between 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. For more information call Retta at 403-201-7500.

**LOVE TO SING?** Want to experience the benefits of singing in a welcoming vocal community? Vocal Latitudes may be the choir for you. A non-audition World Music community choir, Vocal Latitudes meets Tuesday evenings from September to May in a convenient central location. For more information, see [www.vocal-latitudes.org](http://www.vocal-latitudes.org).

**HEART & STROKE CANVASS:** Become a volunteer canvasser this June 2017 to share life-saving information, inspire healthy habits and raise funds for vital research. Every dollar you raise, every person you reach and every heart you inspire helps save lives and support families in your own community, and across Canada. No experience necessary. Opportunities to canvass door-to-door or online. Visit [www.heartandstroke.ca/help](http://www.heartandstroke.ca/help) or call 403 351-7073.

## Bow Cliff Centre 50+ Spring Art Show and Sale

Bow Cliff Centre (Spruce Cliff Centre)  
3375 Spruce Drive SW, Calgary, T3C 3A3

**Saturday, April 22, 2017**

10:00 – 3:00 PM

View local artists' work, learn about our classes, meet our art teachers. Free admission.

## Arbour Lake Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Arbour Lake  
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2017	\$499,900.00	\$495,350.00
January 2017	\$527,450.00	\$519,400.00
December 2016	\$523,900.00	\$508,000.00
November 2016	\$484,900.00	\$466,000.00
October 2016	\$584,450.00	\$540,250.00
September 2016	\$509,900.00	\$495,500.00
August 2016	\$529,900.00	\$538,000.00
July 2016	\$506,700.00	\$499,750.00
June 2016	\$479,900.00	\$470,000.00
May 2016	\$449,900.00	\$435,000.00
April 2016	\$499,900.00	\$481,000.00
March 2016	\$509,000.00	\$495,000.00

Last 12 Months Arbour Lake  
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2017	6	7
January 2017	12	8
December 2016	1	3
November 2016	7	5
October 2016	4	6
September 2016	9	8
August 2016	14	11
July 2016	13	12
June 2016	11	11
May 2016	14	9
April 2016	9	8
March 2016	5	13

To view more detailed information that comprise the above  
MLS averages please visit [arbour-lake.great-news.ca](http://arbour-lake.great-news.ca)

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## Ask Charles

**I just spent \$50,000 to finish my basement with high-end finishings. Now, I'm listing my house for sale, and my real estate representative says she can't include the basement square footage in the total size. Why not?**

You developed your basement and it's beautiful. You're sure any potential buyer would agree that it looks great, and is definitely livable space. But, your real estate professional is correct, the square footage of your basement cannot be included in the size of your home for listing purposes.

In Alberta, real estate professionals are required to follow the Residential Measurement Standard (RMS) when listing a residential property for sale. The RMS contains nine principles that enable real estate professionals, as well as buyers and sellers, to determine and compare the size of residential properties. The RMS sets out the specific parts of a residential property that can be included in its size for listing purposes.

Above grade levels are the levels of a residence that are entirely above grade. Below grade levels are the floor levels of a residence that are partly or fully below grade. If any portion of a level is below grade, the entire level is considered below grade. Below grade spaces include lower levels and basements. The RMS size of a property is, essentially, the sum of its above grade levels. Below grade levels are not included in the RMS area.

Without the RMS in place, there would be little consistency in how real estate professionals, and their sellers, measure and describe their property. Some may want to include their basement (unfinished or not), some may include an enclosed sunroom, while others may include the space created by a bow or bay window.

The RMS provides a consistent means of measuring, and describing, residential property size in Alberta.

Sellers, and their real estate representatives, are welcome to include additional measurement information in their listings, but the primary size listed in the listing must be the size according to the RMS.

Sellers need to remember that size isn't the only factor that will affect a property's list or selling price. Other factors include location, condition, quality of finishing, layout, and even type of ownership. You may not be able to include the square footage of your basement in the total square footage of your home, but the features of your home will set it apart from other properties. Size matters, but it's not the only thing that matters.

*"Ask Charles" is a monthly question and answer column by Charles Stevenson, Director of Professional Standards with the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA), [www.reca.ca](http://www.reca.ca). RECA is the independent, non-government agency responsible for the regulation of Alberta's real estate industry. We license, govern, and set the standards of practice for all real estate, mortgage brokerage, and real estate appraisal professionals in Alberta. To submit a question, email [askcharles@reca.ca](mailto:askcharles@reca.ca).*

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**MAY 5 – 6**  
**CALGARY INTERNATIONAL BEERFEST –**  
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**MAY 13, YOUTH SINGERS OF CALGARY**  
**PRESENT: #IAMMUSIC – 1415 14 AVE NW**  
 The Youth Singers of Calgary have a long, proud history as ambassadors of true Canadian spirit and as a voice for Canadian youth through singing, dancing and acting. To celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday we have asked the question 'what does it mean to be a young, Canadian artist in this digital age?' On May 13th we raise our collective voices to answer that question. #IAmCanadian #IAmConnected #IAmMusic More info at [youthsingers.org](http://youthsingers.org)



**MAY 24 – 27, CALGARY INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL – ART COMMONS AND OLYMPIC PLAZA**  
 Open the door to your imagination! The Calgary International Children's Festival (Kidsfest) celebrates its 31st anniversary this season. From its humble beginning in 1987, Kidsfest has grown to become one of the most prominent arts festivals of its kind in Canada and the largest presenter of performing arts for young people in Calgary. More info at [calgarykidsfest.ca](http://calgarykidsfest.ca)



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

**May 6 – 7, IFK Kickstart Garage Builder's Motorcycle Show - Christine Klassen Gallery**  
 An annual showcase of garage-built motorcycles from across Alberta, most small in budget but all big in creativity. Join us from May 6-7 from 11am to 5pm and see what we've created over the winter! More info at [facebook.com/kickstartshow](http://facebook.com/kickstartshow)

**May 7, The Debaters Live! – The Jack Singer Concert Hall**  
 A fundraising event for JFSC hosted by award-winning comedian, Steve Patterson, and features two of his favourite comics, (Dave Hemstad and Kate Davis) - they perform stand-up, followed by a comedic debate. More info at [artscommons.ca/WhatsOn/ShowDetails](http://artscommons.ca/WhatsOn/ShowDetails)

**May 12 – 13, Vintage Redefined Market – Century Casino Showroom**  
 The new vintage market with purpose! This ain't your typical tea-time at grandma's house. An exciting venue filled with treasures sure to delight and excite men and women alike! Over 80+ vendors featuring: True vintage, Collectibles, Re-purposed, Reclaimed, Oil & Gas, Records, Jewelry, Video Games, Antiques, Comics & more! More info at [facebook.com/Vintage.Redefined.Market](http://facebook.com/Vintage.Redefined.Market)

**May 13 – June 11, The Drowning Girls – Vertigo Theatre**  
 The Drowning Girls is a lyrical exploration of a trio of murdered wives who gather evidence against their murderous husband by reliving the shocking events leading up to their deaths. One Yellow Rabbit Co-Founders Blake Brooker and Denise Clarke lead an incredible creative team in bringing this macabre fantasia to the Vertigo stage. More info at [vertigotheatre.com](http://vertigotheatre.com)

**May 19, Raiders of the Lost Ark: Original Film with Orchestra – Jubilee Auditorium**  
 The film that gave the world one of its greatest movie heroes, Indiana Jones, is back and better than ever before! Relive the magic on the big screen with the original great adventure, Raiders of the Lost Ark with John Williams' epic score performed live alongside the film by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. More info at [calgaryphil.com](http://calgaryphil.com)

**May 26, Nose Creek Players Presents: Anne of Green Gables – The Bert Church Theatre**  
 Your community theatre company, Nose Creek Players, is proud to present Lucy Maud Montgomery's iconic tale of Ann Shirley. This beloved Canadian yarn tells the story of an imaginative red-haired girl searching for a place to belong; for her kindred spirit. More info at [airdrie.ca](http://airdrie.ca)

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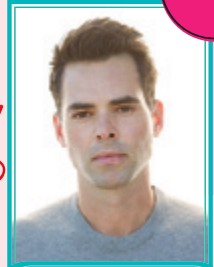
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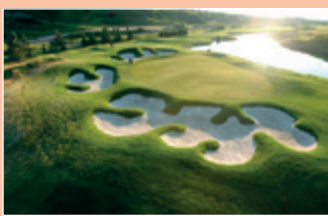
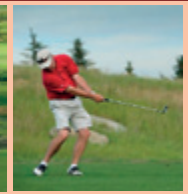


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