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Next meetings are June 1, July 6, Aug 3, 7-9pm
See you there!

Newsletter Submissions
July Issue Deadline

June 7th

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Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to summer, Banff Trail! There has been a ton happening here over the past year and months, and the community association is just catching up on things. We'd love your help in any way you can to keep some of these fantastic community initiatives rolling.

Here's some what's been going on:

- **Spring Kids Soccer** is in full swing, with over 150 kids playing this year. Come check out a game on Thursday nights, 6:30, at Capitol Hill Elementary.
- The **Banff Trail ARP** (Area Redevelopment Plan) has been approved by City Council (including our comments) and will be available in final published format soon. As soon as it is, we'll get some copies at the hall.
- We are in the process of welcoming a preschool into our newly renovated basement. Seedlings **Spanish preschool** will be using the space part-time during some weekdays, and the space will still be available for bookings evenings and weekends.
- The **Skating Rink Project** is in full swing. New lights have already been installed, a full land survey has been completed, and construction is slated to begin in the next couple of months. Thanks to the very hard work of the Rink Committee, we landed additional funding from the Community Facility Enhancement Program from the Government of Alberta, which will bring the grant funding of the rink up to around 75% of the total cost!
- The **community garden** had fantastic turnout and weather for the spring cleanup. A fun and sweaty time was had by all, and the garden is looking to be it's most beautiful ever.
- We're working on a **Music in the Garden** series for the summer, hosting acoustic tunes on our fine Calgary summer evenings.
- A **membership drive** is in the works. Expect to meet some fine Banff Trail folk soon.
- Both **Zumba** and **Qigong** are expanding their programs at the hall.
- And don't forget about our fabulous upcoming events:
 - **Neighbor Day Potluck**, Saturday June 19, 1-5pm
 - Not-to-be-missed **Stamped BBQ**, Thursday July 7th, 3-11pm

Every one of these fantastic items happens thanks to the help of interested members of the community. If you have anything you'd like to see in our community, don't hesitate

to get involved. Come to the **AGM on Thursday June 6, 7pm**, or just send me an email at president@banfftrailcommunity.ca. You'll be welcomed into a pretty awesome group of neighbors who are here to make Banff Trail a great place to be.

Barry Clement
BTCA President



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BANFF TRAIL MESSAGES

The Banff Trail Family Babysitting Co-op, which has connected neighbours for more than six years, is closing down in its current form. A big thank you goes out to Elena Rhodes for leading the group and to Jen Silverthorn, Heather Spicer and Chantal Khan-Paul for their work. We appreciate your efforts to build community and link families together!

A new informal fitness group for women is being launched — The Banff Trail Community Runners. Members will pitch runs (or other workouts — hikes, skiing, snowshoeing, etc.) to meet up with like-minded neighbours. Contact Carolyn Fisher at carolynf@telus.net to get involved. Thanks to Karen France for the idea. See you on the running paths!

Community Kids Soccer Season Starts: Banff Trail Outdoor Community Soccer is well under way for the 2016 season! The number of players has been climbing each year and we have two teams more than last year. It's great to see all the kids getting exercise, enjoying the fresh air, and developing their skills, teamwork, and making new friends. We appreciate all the volunteers that make this happen!

Recently thieves have been targeting new housing developments in some NW communities stealing appliances, tools and construction material. Most of the work takes place during daylight hours and cease before 10 p.m., as per the noise bylaw. If you live near a new housing development and notice any suspicious activity outside these hours you are encouraged to phone the Calgary Police Service through the non-emergency line at 403-266-1234. If you witness a crime in progress please hang up and dial 9-1-1. If possible, obtain a physical and clothing description along with a direction of travel of any suspicious individuals. This information is crucial for responding police officers. You may also report crime anonymously at CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Banff Trail Community Garden Membership: Spring is upon us and soon the beds behind the Banff Trail Community Association will be blooming with fresh flowers,

fruits, and vegetables. The Banff Trail Community Garden is a volunteer run garden for Banff Trail Community residents. It offers individual plots and communal planting areas. We take great pride in maintaining this beautiful oasis in the heart of the community. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact dana.banfftrail@yahoo.ca. There is currently one bed available, and we are taking names for a waiting list.

MEMBERSHIPS

Community memberships are available at \$10 for single, \$15 for family and household, and \$25 for businesses Membership year is March 1 to February 28
Pay by PayPal online at www.banfftrailcommunity.ca



For Women

The Banff Trail Community Runners

The Banff Trail Community Runners is an informal fitness group for women. Members pitch runs (or other workouts — hikes, skiing, snowshoeing, etc.) to meet up with like-minded neighbours. Contact Carolyn Fisher at carolynf@telus.net to have your name added to the Banff Trail Community Runner email group. See you on the running paths!

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Protecting your Property

Over the last several months thieves have targeted detached garages throughout northwest communities. They didn't have to do much more than just walk right in; as the majority of the pedestrian doors were left unlocked. Once inside, they focused on stealing high end bicycles, sporting goods, power tools as well as personal items left in unlocked vehicles parked inside.

Protecting your Property is quite easy and inexpensive. First, lock your doors to your detached garage or shed with good quality locks. Remove personal valuables from within your vehicle and lock the doors which in most cases also activates an alarm, or use an anti-theft device.

It is important to put valuables out of sight and securing them in hard to access areas. I also recommend that a record be kept of valuable items with pertinent information such as: make, model, serial numbers along with photographs.

The Calgary Police Service would like to remind you to be vigilant and to report any suspicious individuals or activities through the non-emergency line 403-266-1234. Always call 9-1-1 to report a crime in progress.

If possible, obtain a physical description, including clothing, along with a direction of travel of any suspicious individuals, as this information is crucial to responding police officers.

You may also report crime anonymously by calling CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Banff Trail mybabysitterlist

Name	Age	Contact	Course
Ava	13	403-279-2083	Yes
Maria	13	403-467-2760	Yes
Eliana	30	587-437-1107	No
Rowena	41	587-894-0713	Yes
Todd	44	403-585-8463	Yes

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Calling All PARENTS

Visit mybabysitter.ca and find available babysitters in and around your community.

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IT'S HAPPENING IN BANFF TRAIL

Remember, www.BanffTrailCommunity.ca is the place to look for short-notice events and more Community info. Check out our event calendar and interactive community map! We are also on Facebook now too: <https://www.facebook.com/BanffTrailCommunity>

Tai Chi Classes – Wednesday nights 7-8 p.m.

Wednesday nights from 7-8 at the hall. A great way to relax and meet people. Feel free to just show up – wear clothes you can move in! \$50 only for community members for 10 sessions.

Zumba® with Andrea - Every **Monday 7:30-8:30pm** and **Wednesdays 8:15-9:15pm**. Drop-ins welcome. Monthly Passes available. For up-to-date schedule and fees please check out <http://andreadawe.zumba.com> or contact Andrea at andreadawe.zumba@gmail.com. Come join the party and dance yourself fit! No experience necessary!

Qigong is back on Mondays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Karate and Kobudo – Tuesday and Thursday nights 8 – 9 p.m.

Classes available for all ages. More information can be found at: www.shinshikan.com

Yoga Classes & Workshops

A great way to enjoy the benefits of yoga and have fun too!

Improve strength, coordination, posture and balance; increase your energy level and flexibility; enjoy greater vitality.

The All Levels class takes place on Thursdays from 7 – 8 p.m., and the Gentle Yoga class is held on Tuesdays from 10 – 11 a.m. For more information or to register, please contact Margau at 403-585-0043 or email yogamarg@telus.net. Ask about our monthly yoga workshops too!

Banff Trail Ladies' Auxiliary

Meets at the Hall the first Thursday of every month at 10 a.m.

Wednesday Afternoon Crib Club

Every Wednesday from 12:30 – 3 p.m.

New Players Welcome! Join a lively group of seniors enjoying 9 - 12 tables of crib each week. Two crib tournaments each year and several Pot Luck Luncheons each year.

Feel free to drop by and join in the fun.

Check out the website or the Facebook page for more up-to-date information.

Sweater Sale

Minkha Bolivian Women's Co-op
June 3 (3pm-8pm) and June 4 (10am-4pm)
Parkdale United Church: 2919 8 Ave NW, Calgary

Banff Trail AGM

Thursday June 9, 7pm at the Hall

BBQ – the biggest event of the year! Food, Music, and oodles of fun for kids and adults. Thursday, July 7

your COMMUNITY business of the month

Morpheus Theatre

Banff Trail Community

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Calgary's affordable presenter of quality Community Theatre – Morpheus Theatre. Morpheus Theatre is a local Community Theatre company that is proud to have our office and rehearsal space located on the lower level of the Parkdale Community Centre since 2011. We have been presenting "Shows Worth Seeing" at the Pumphouse Theatre since 1995. Our season normally includes: a comedy in September; a family-friendly holiday show in December; a contemporary play in February; and a Gilbert & Sullivan Operetta in April/May.

We are pleased to announce our amazing, fun and entertaining 22nd Season!

Run For Your Wife, September 23 – October 1, 2016

It's a Wonderful Life, December 2 – 17, 2016

Skin Flick, February 3 - 18, 2017

Iolanthe, April 28 - May 13, 2017

Season tickets are now on sale and provide a significant discount on our already reasonable ticket prices!

Our shows are produced, directed, designed and acted entirely by volunteers. Morpheus Theatre has many opportunities for nearby residents to get involved in the arts. Whether your interest lies in acting on stage, volunteering backstage, or watching the action from the audience, community theatre has a role for you.

Auditions – All of our shows have open auditions. Between June and November we put out audition calls for our four mainstage productions. For those new to theatre, a role in the ensemble is a great start.

Backstage – From finding properties, to sewing costumes, and from styling hair and make-up, to moving sets, we are always looking for new volunteers.

Ushering – Want to see a show for FREE? We recruit volunteer ushers for each of our productions - no experience necessary. Have a little extra time? Volunteer for 4 or more performances during a run as a lead usher!

Fundraisers – As a non-profit charity, we also have the occasional fundraiser that requires volunteers, such as our annual book sale.

Morpheus Theatre offers programs based on the works of Gilbert & Sullivan, whose popular Victorian operettas have held interest around the world for over a century.

G&S JR Theatre School – this Saturday morning program lets youth ages 9 to 17 participate in rehearsing and performing an operetta. Classes include professional instruction in Acting and Voice, with the program culminating in a performance on the set of our mainstage production.

Morpheus G&S Singers Community Chorus - a non-auditioned group that gathers together Sunday evenings to learn and sing the wonderful songs from the operas of Gilbert and Sullivan.

We also offer other community services, such as workshops, space rental and ticketing.

One-Day Workshops - throughout the year, we run open workshops on acting, directing and technical theatre.

Space Rental - flexible rehearsal studios, audition, office and meeting space for the arts community. Our space has been used for rehearsals, auditions, workshops, music lessons, recitals, drama/dance/yoga class and more.

Ticketing Services - Morpheus Theatre is pleased to offer our box office services to Community Theatre companies and other organizations requiring online event ticketing, telephone box office services or pre-printed tickets, all at an affordable price.

BRAIN GAMES

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2016/17 Shows worth Watching

www.morpheustheatre.ca

BTCA Membership Form

Name: _____ Spouse: _____
 Address: _____
 Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____
 Children under age 18: _____

I am interested in volunteering with the community association:

- Newsletter
- Social Functions
- Sports
- Fund-raising
- Maintenance
- Other (please specify): _____

The rates for Banff Trail Community Association membership are:

- Single \$10
- Family & Household \$15
- Business \$25

**Please mail your application form to
 BTCA 2115 20 Avenue NW T2M 1J1**

**Make cheques payable to the Banff Trail Community Association
 Phone 403 454-7369 for more information**

Volunteers Needed

The Banff Trail Community Association is in need of volunteers to help with projects and events throughout the year

We encourage everyone in the community to become more involved. Even if you are a short term resident you can be an engaged member of our thriving community.

We need more help so please get involved!

Contact Llyal 403-651-1019

Insects and Technology

The Namib Desert's darkling beetle is the inspiration for a new idea to turn morning fog into droplets of water and will have the ability to provide enough water per day for survival of Namib Desert people. The beetle's body has little bumps that repel water, sending the droplets down his back into his mouth.



Discovery Magazine

IN & AROUND CALGARY

EMS: Backyard Play Safety

With summer approaching, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to encourage parents and caregivers to ensure their backyard play areas are made safe for children. Although direct supervision is the best method to reduce the chance of injury, ensure your play equipment in your yard is in good repair and is suitable for the age and skill of the children using it. Check play equipment often; replace or repair any worn or broken parts. Set up play equipment over top a nine inch layer of shock-absorbing material such as sand, wood chips, or pea gravel which extends six feet out in all directions from the play area.

Water hazards

- Drowning contributes to unintentional injury-related death among children ages one to four;
- Children can drown in just a few centimetres of water if it covers their mouth and nose;
- Ensure all backyard swimming pools are fenced. The fence must be at least 1.8 metres (*) high and have a self-latching, self-closing, lockable gate. (*Alberta Building Code)

Lawn and garden tools

- Keep young children away from outdoor power equipment;
- Serious burns may result from touching hot engine surfaces;
- Ensure that all sharp tools, fuel, chemicals, and other hazardous substances are stored in a secure, locked area. A simple latch may not be sufficient.

Insect bites and stings

- Minimize the risk of attracting insects by not wearing strong perfumes or scented lotions;
- Avoid wearing brightly coloured clothing outdoors;
- Consider destroying or relocating hives and nests situated near your home;
- To avoid injury through inadvertently stepping on a stinging insect always wear footwear outdoors;
- If your child has received an 'EpiPen, Junior' prescription from your physician (for anaphylactic reactions only) ensure they understand when and how to use it;
- If your child experiences a severe reaction to an insect sting, or other environmental cause, seek medical attention, or call 9-1-1.



Just Say Hi!

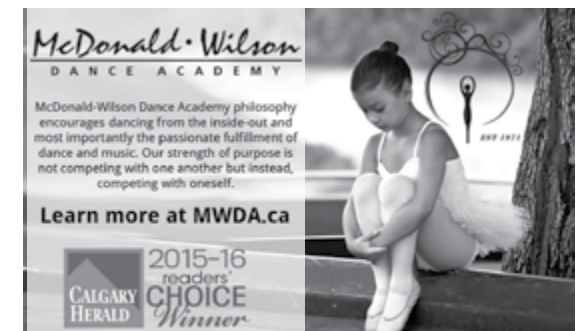
A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities

Welcoming new neighbours or introducing yourself to those you haven't met yet is a great way to establish neighbourly relationships. People who know each other are more likely to look out for one another and help build and maintain a safe community.

Do you know the first name of at least five different neighbours? Would you be able to tell police the addresses of the houses around you in the event you witnessed suspicious activity? Could you ask a neighbour to borrow a cup of sugar or an egg for a cake you are baking? What about asking a neighbour to check in on the perimeter of your home while you're away? We sure hope you answered yes to a few of these questions! But, if not, take the plunge and just say hi! One of the easiest ways to increase safety in your community is to get to know your neighbours because people tend to look out for those that they know!

Don't forget, after introducing yourself, make the effort to wave, greet and chat with your neighbours regularly. This encourages friendly chit-chat and can make neighbours feel connected.

For more information or engagement ideas, visit our website at calgarycommunities.com.



IN & AROUND CALGARY

YOUR CITY SECTION

Check out these important updates from The City of Calgary

Celebrate the contribution of Calgary seniors during Seniors' Week: June 6 - 12. Visit calgary.ca/seniorsweek for events in your community.	calgary.ca/seniorsweek
Neighbour Day (June 18) is an opportunity for neighbours to come together to celebrate our strong community spirit.	calgary.ca/neighbourday
Stuck on Deerfoot? Share your challenges and recommendations to make this road better at one of our open houses or online.	calgary.ca/deerfoot
Planning on doing some yard renovations this summer? Be sure to visit calgary.ca/homeimprovement .	calgary.ca/homeimprovement
Join with other Calgarians on June 23 to celebrate the Chief David Crowchild Memorial Awards. Learn more by searching Chief David Crowchild on calgary.ca .	Search Chief David Crowchild on calgary.ca
Bring the family to Canada's largest man-made wetland on Sunday, June 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. for free activities and entertainment at The City of Calgary's Park Fest!	calgary.ca/parksevents
Floods, snowstorms, fires, power outages, telecommunication failures — these are just some of the natural, technological and human-induced events that Calgary needs to be prepared for, according to the recent Status of Emergency Preparedness report from the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA)	calgary.ca/cema

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Register the kids for a summer nature adventure

Looking for activities to keep the kids entertained this summer? Send them on a nature adventure!

The City of Calgary's nature day camps will keep them busy as bees exploring cool critters, discovering plant power and spotting fabulous flyers. These action-packed adventures, involving hands-on activities and outdoor play, encourage children to explore and experience the natural world in a whole new way.

Nature camps run for one week and are offered July and August at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. Half-day camps are available for children four and five years old. These bite-sized adventures include daily nature walks, games and crafts. Full-day camps, designed for children ages six to 12, include in-depth investigations and nature explorations focused on specific themes, including wetland wonders, nature's engineers and the food we eat.

Worried about child care? We have you covered. Before- and after-camp care is available for \$25 per timeslot.

Visit calgary.ca/parksguide or call 403-268-3800 to register.

YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

- **July 1 to September 4 - Legends of Rock N Roll:** Buddy Holly, Tom Jones, Neil Diamond and Elvis Presley perform classics like Delilah, Blue Suede Shoes and many more. www.stagewestcalgary.com
- **July 17 - Park Day and Creekfest:** This annual event is a celebration of Alberta's natural areas. The whole family is invited to come to the park to learn how to protect our watersheds and respect the provincial park. www.friendsoffishcreek.org
- **July 19 to 24 - Newsies:** This high-energy musical is based on the true events of the 1899 Newsboys Strike. The show centres around a group of struggling "newsies." www.calgary.broadway.com
- **July 21 to 24 - Calgary Folk Music Festival:** This year is the 37th annual Calgary Folk Music Festival. Expect more than 70 different artists from around the world to perform on the various stages at Prince's Island Park. www.calgaryfolkfest.com
- **July 22 to 24 - Fiestaval Latin Festival:** This free, family-friendly festival is a multicultural celebration of Latin American culture. www.fiestaval.ca
- **July 23 and 24 - Pet-A-Palooza:** A pawty for fido is just what your summer was missing. Join us to meet over 80 exhibitors, local rescues, listen to live music, check out Running of the Bulls - French and English Bulldog Races! www.petapaloozawest.com
- **July 25 to 31 - Calgary International Blues Festival:** This year marks the 12th annual Calgary Bluesfest. It's a full week of celebrating the best of blues music, with workshops, concerts and special events. www.calgarybluesfest.com
- **July 30 - Making a Murderer's Dean Strang and Jerry Buting:** The two defense lawyers are stopping in Calgary as part of their A Conversation on Justice tour. The two will do a Q&A session, discuss the Steven Avery case and talk about what it means in broader terms, too.
- **July 30 - Inglewood Sunfest:** This neighbourhood street festival includes activities that appeal to Calgarians of all ages. Expect live music, plenty of street performers, a Show and Shine and activities for the kids. www.inglewoodsunfest.ca

JULY 8 TO 17 CALGARY STAMPEDE

Each year, more than one million visitors from across North America and around the world come to Calgary to experience the heart-stopping action of the world's richest Rodeo, featuring bull riding, barrel racing, and more. www.calgarystampede.com



JULY 21 TO 23 MILKY WAY NIGHTS

The Rothney Astrophysical Observatory is open to the public for night sky viewings for three nights this month. During this time of the summer, conditions are ideal for viewing distant galaxies, nebula and other planets. www.ucalgary.ca



JULY 30 SLIDE THE CITY

That bright green, 1,000-foot-long slip-and-slide will return to 10th Street N.W. at the end of July. Choose to slide down once or multiple times. www.slidethecity.com



JULY

News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Calgary: City of Animals, this year's U. of C. community forum, brought together Canadian scholars in history, animal studies, and geography to explore the roles that animals play. The fur trade, cattle ranching, and the Stampede are part of our history. So too is our relationship with animals and it is interesting to adopt that perspective about our shared spaces, as well as the city's past, present, and future.

We categorize urban animals in different ways, as wild and domestic, livestock, companions, and entertainers. Have you thought of how your interaction with animals shapes Calgary and traces were left on geography, and identity? Consider the routes animals take and the places where they live. We can learn more about viewing the city as an ecosystem, that includes animal life, and see/be humans as "one animal" among many in the urban environment.

Shelley Alexander, a lead in the Candid Conservation Science Lab, made a study of human-wildlife conflict, especially wolves and coyotes, both in the field and using a geographical information system (GIS). Sean Kheraj is co-editor at niche-canada.org of Nature's Past: Canadian Environmental History Podcast. Susan Nance, who studies entertainment, communication, performance, and historical animal life, is associated with animal welfare. For information you can go to: www.facebook.com/CalgaryInstitute.

You can become a Parks volunteer and help take care of natural areas, off-leash areas, parks, green spaces, playgrounds, pathways, trees; conduct research; and provide park users with interpretive experiences. Individuals commit six shifts per season. For example at Nose Hill Park, you will greet visitors; offer information; present "biofacts"; lead interpretive activities; and promote Parks programs.

If you are looking for a volunteer project for your company or group, join the Parks Environmental Team

on a green initiative project, such as invasive species (weed) pulls, painting projects, playground renewals, and more.

Volunteers of all backgrounds, abilities, and experience are invited to contribute. Once accepted, volunteers receive orientation, training, and support. To apply, call 311 or email: parksvolunteer@calgary.ca.

Don't forget there will be public cleanups of Nose Hill on June 18 and July 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at the Edgemont Parking lot (Edgemont Blvd. and Shaganappi Tr. NW) These are P.U.P.P.Y. events with Parks staff and volunteers who help park users pick up.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Celebrate Seniors Week June 6-12

Seniors make a huge difference in the lives of Calgarians. Celebrate Calgary's seniors this June by attending one of the many community events hosted around Calgary.

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Friends,

With summer just around the corner, we are all looking forward to being out in the sun. I am also looking forward to meeting more members of the Calgary-Varsity communities. My staff and I have been going door-to-door to hear from you. Your thoughts and feedback are key and we thank you. If we miss you at home, please be sure to come find us at the Triwood Farmers Market every Tuesday from 3-7pm starting June 7. It will be great to spend more time in Calgary-Varsity with the legislative session wrapping up in the early part of June.

This session has been busy, with the budget, and with many key pieces of legislation coming forward. It has also been very rewarding, reminding me daily as to why I stood for this office.

As Status of Women Minister I lead the celebration of 100 years of women's suffrage. We invited women from across the province to join us in recreating, on the steps of the Legislature, the iconic photo from 1916 that marked the point in History when some women gained their right to vote. It took many more decades for the franchise to be extended to all Albertans. We were proud to host Lisa Turner, Co-chair of the West Dalhousie playground committee as our guest from Calgary-Varsity on this important day. It is truly impressive to meet such dedicated people in Calgary-Varsity. The spirit of our community is strong.

I rose in the house earlier this session to deliver my maiden speech to the legislature. This was a chance to share with the people of Alberta more about me, my values and goals. It also was a chance for me to also share the story of Calgary-Varsity. It is an honour to represent our great neighbourhoods.

Here is a short excerpt from my speech:

I would be remiss if I failed to mention the very families that inhabit Calgary-Varsity, new and young, and the many seniors who raised their families in Calgary's northwest. Our seniors in Varsity maintain our community and our sense of neighbourhood and family. Our seniors in Varsity are vi-

brant and active. They're strong advocates for our constituency and our province. Our seniors have witnessed where we have been, where we are and have a strong sense of what will take us boldly into the future. The bedrock of our province, the information keepers and wisdom givers, our seniors in Calgary-Varsity keep us a family and community.

The second week of June marks Seniors' Week. This time is meant to shine a light on the important role that our elders play in community. To celebrate and honour our seniors, I will be hosting a Tea. It will take place on June 3 from 11am to noon. We will discuss issues that affect elders in our community and provide an update from the Ministry of Seniors. Please join us at our office #101, 5403 Crowchild Trail, on this occasion.

Our office serves the people of Calgary-Varsity, who live in the communities of Varsity, Dalhousie, Brentwood, University Heights, Montgomery, Banff Trail and Charleswood (Triwood). Our team is available to talk to constituents about provincial government departments, programs, scrolls, and services. Please visit us in our office and let us know how we can help you. If you are interested in our electronic newsletter please send an email to Calgary.varsity@assembly.ab.ca to sign up.

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The Development Levy: Next Steps

In February 2016, The City implemented new levies for development in both new and existing communities, marking a turning point in Calgary's approach to managing and paying for growth. As I shared in your March newsletter, the development levies are the outcome of The City and the development industry working together on an agreement for how to cover the full cost of growth.

So what has changed? Previously, The City covered the costs of major infrastructure upgrades like new wastewater treatment plants for greenfield development, which effectively amounted to a "sprawl subsidy". With the new agreement now in place, developers will pay for the full cost of critical municipal infrastructure.

I have been working to achieve fair development levies since before I was elected to City Council, and while the new levies are a major accomplishment, the work is not yet done. The ultimate goal is for the levy to help fund public realm and facility improvements in established neighbourhoods that are experiencing significant redevelopment.

How can the levy help? When property is redeveloped for higher density, The City collects an increase in property taxes. We call this phenomenon "uplift". The City plans to capture a portion of this uplift for reinvestment in local amenities and public realm improvements for neighbourhoods going through change.

Common examples of improvements could be upgraded sidewalks and lighting, preservation of heritage buildings, new or refurbished parks and green spaces, or renovations to recreation and community centres.

The City is just starting to research the process for identifying amounts available for community reinvestment projects. As we move into this important next phase, it is critical that we involve Calgarians. We want to tap into local knowledge to determine opportunities that can enrich your neighbourhoods. To that end, I brought together Ward 7 community associations and City staff to start thinking about what types of reinvestment they would like to see as their communities experience redevelopment. The needs and goals of each community will likely be different, and we will look to your community associations to help identify areas of improvement that matter to you.

There will be much more to come on this topic, so to stay up-to-date on this and other Ward 7 issues, please sign up for my email newsletter: ward07@calgary.ca.



Banff Trail Real Estate Update

**Last 12 Months Banff Trail
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update**

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
April 2016	\$559,900.00	\$548,000.00
March 2016	\$625,000.00	\$590,000.00
February 2016	\$674,950.00	\$662,500.00
January 2016	\$549,900.00	\$538,500.00
December 2015	\$629,394.00	\$611,000.00
November 2015	\$839,350.00	\$822,000.00
October 2015	\$564,950.00	\$550,000.00
September 2015	\$609,900.00	\$600,000.00
August 2015	\$605,450.00	\$592,500.00
July 2015	\$727,450.00	\$712,500.00
June 2015	\$749,850.00	\$730,000.00
May 2015	\$674,900.00	\$650,250.00

**Last 12 Months Banff Trail
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update**

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
April 2016	8	3
March 2016	11	5
February 2016	6	4
January 2016	2	3
December 2015	6	2
November 2015	2	4
October 2015	8	4
September 2015	9	7
August 2015	8	4
July 2015	3	6
June 2015	10	4
May 2015	12	6

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