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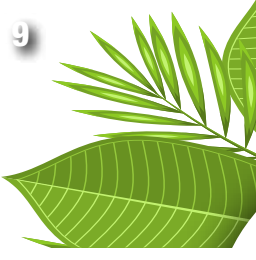
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you're reading this on your shady porch, enjoying the unparalleled summer experience Banff Trail is known for.

Information of Note in the Community:

Our infamous **Stampede Party is Thursday July 6th, 5:30 to 8pm**. There's food, live music, games, a cash bar. This is one of our most well attended and long-standing events, so don't miss it!

The province is planning on **redrawing the electoral district lines**. The draft plan (see <http://abebc.ca>) moves us from Varsity to Mountain View. If you have an opinion on this, I urge you to get in touch with our district office, or directly with me.

Our AGM was June 9. It was well attended, including MLA Stephanie McLean and Councillor Druh Farrell. A new board has been elected, consisting of the same people as the old board. I'd say that means we're doing a good job and having fun at it. It's not too late to get involved. If you'd like a voice in future decisions; we're happy to have you at our meetings or on the board. Just email me.

The Rink Replacement has finally kicked off! This is a substantial project, accounting for years of effort by many volunteers, and costing just over \$600,000, \$500,000 of which is coming from a combination of Federal (Canada150), Provincial (CFEP), and Municipal (CCG) grants. If it's on schedule, you'll see demolition and possibly concrete action this month!

August 3rd will be Lawn Chair Theatre in the garden. Look out for more details.

The city has let us know that they plan on addressing our **traffic-calming concerns** as part of a **"Complete Streets Project"**, to begin in the fall of this year. The noted streets are 20 Ave, 24 Ave, 19 St, King George School site, however the plan could encompass the entire Capitol Hill / Banff Trail / Mount Pleasant area.

Banff Trail has been selected by the Ward 7 office this year for the **"This is My Neighbourhood"** program. We get more engagement and attention from the full set of City of Calgary departments, with the goal of making our community a better place. The engagement will begin in earnest in the early summer, but now is the time to send in your ideas. Check out engage.calgary.ca/TIMN, and please send us any ideas you may have!

Every one of these fantastic items happens thanks to the help of interested members of the community. If you have anything you're interested in, don't hesitate to get involved. We don't meet over the summer, but starting in the fall we're at the hall the first Wednesday of the month starting September 7-9pm. If you'd like to talk with us or just observe, send me an email at president@banfftrailcommunity.ca. You'll be welcomed into a pretty awesome group of neighbours who are here to make Banff Trail a great place to be.

Barry Clement

BTCA President

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are on the first Wednesday of every month from 7:00pm-9:00 pm

Next meeting is September 6.

See you there!

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

HOWLER SUBMISSIONS

Do you have an interesting story you think should be in The Howler? Know of someone living in Banff Trail how deserves to be featured in our newsletter? How about photographs of our community? If you do please contact howlereditor@banfftrailcommunity.ca.

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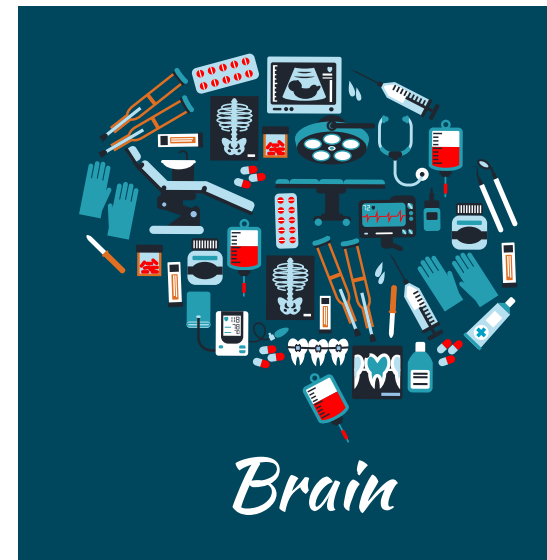
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Contact our Hall Manager Eileen Arthur at 403-282-2234 or e-mail her at: hallmanager@banfftrailcommunity.ca.

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



Help us learn how kids' brains develop!

The University of Calgary and Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute is looking for families with children aged 4-6y to participate in a study examining brain development in young children. This study involves 2-4 visits to the Alberta Children's Hospital over 1 year, answering some questions, and a MRI scan to take pictures of your child's brain. If you are interested in helping us understand childhood brain development and have a son or daughter aged 4-6y, please contact Dr. Signe Bray at sibray@ucalgary.ca or 403-955-7440. This study was approved by the University of Calgary Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board. Ethics ID: REB14-1089.



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Karate and Kobudo – Tuesday 8-9pm and Thursday 7-8 pm and Saturday 11-12 noon

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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.

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Qigong will be finished at the end of May, but will return in the fall. Sylvie Jutras is instructing, phone: 403-453-0977

Banff Trail Conversation Club

Mondays 1:15 - 4 pm – Boardroom

Join a lively, interesting group of people who enjoy stimulating and exciting conversation. Participants choose their own topic including global, nation, local, politics, religion, history, geography, science and any other topics you want.

Flow Martial Arts Academy

Starts September 10, classes from 11:00am - 12:00pm. Jeffrey Estrada is instructing, email: fma.academy.calgary@gmail.com

Given the increasing number of young families in the area, a couple of parents are exploring the option of establishing a co-op daycare in the neighbourhood. If anyone is interested in learning more or getting involved, please contact Kathryn at banfftraildaycare@gmail.com



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Dig deep into organic land care this fall with the Organic Master Gardener course! This popular course examines the connections between soil, plant, human, and environmental health while addressing sustainable land management practices to maintain food and ornamental gardens in the urban landscape. Suitable for everyone from experienced landscapers to novice backyard gardeners, you are sure to be inspired.

Course Details

Location: Green Calgary EcoStore
#100-301 14 St. NW Calgary

Dates: Saturdays, September 9 to December 9

Time: 9:30-12:30

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New to Banff Trail

If you have been walking around Banff Trail lately, you will have noticed that in addition to all of the new housing, we also have new businesses taking root! Convenience stores, a nail salon, and a take-out pizza joint are just a few of the places opening their doors and sharing space with the businesses we already know. Because of the age of our community, we still see small commercial strips among the blocks of houses, particularly near the schools and community hall. Visit our new and pre-existing business neighbours and keep it local!



Banff Trail 2017 Stampede Barbecue

By Anna Rhodes, age 11

Banff Trail Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Banff Trail
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
July 2017	\$901,950	\$880,000
June 2017	\$0	\$0
May 2017	\$679,000	\$646,000
April 2017	\$524,988	\$520,000
March 2017	\$584,900	\$575,000
February 2017	\$539,900	\$511,000
January 2017	\$671,950	\$650,000
December 2016	\$588,800	\$575,000
November 2016	\$399,900	\$393,750
October 2016	\$0	\$0
September 2016	\$609,900	\$575,000
August 2016	\$568,000	\$537,500

On July 6, we had a huge community BBQ to start the 2017 Calgary Stampede. There was a ton of people who came to enjoy it - apparently more than 400! The organizers had planned almost everything ahead of time so our community can enjoy a great feast and a fabulous party. Personally, I had a lot of fun and I really enjoyed the food!

They actually had invited the Mayor Nenshi to come too. And he came and was blown away by our party! He gave a charming speech and had a ton of photos taken with people who were there. Kids and adults got to meet the Mayor, as well as our MLA Stephanie McLean, MP Len Webber, and City Councillor Druh Farrell who came out too.

Along with dinner, "Canada 150" cake, and super hot weather, we enjoyed the very Stampede-appropriate music from the FrontLine band, which were from the Calgary Police. A new restaurant that was close by called Cowtown Beef Shack brought smoked beef, which was delicious on a bun. Kids loved the "make your own ice cream sundaes" that Dru Mohler from the City of Calgary set up, the pony hops from Tubby's Party Rentals, the games people from the City of Calgary arranged, western tattoos, the sprinkler and running around in the garden.

A lot of folks volunteered to make this event happen. After all the hard work they did to make this a most special party, I think we need to thank all these people who made the party possible: Karen France for leading it all; Elena Rhodes for helping plan and organizing the chili making; David Loewen for picking up most of the food; BTCA President Barry Clement for emceeing; John Rhodes for being the official photographer and sooooo many other folks who volunteered to cook the chili, set up, check folks in, serve food and drinks and then to clean it all up! Special thank you to those who did multiple shifts!

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

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
July 2017	4	2
June 2017	3	0
May 2017	2	5
April 2017	4	1
March 2017	5	5
February 2017	4	1
January 2017	0	2
December 2016	4	3
November 2016	5	4
October 2016	4	0
September 2016	6	5
August 2016	1	1

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit banff_trail.great-news.ca

BTCA Membership Form

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 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
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The rates for Banff Trail Community Association membership are:
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Learning Through Life

It's soon back to school time. Getting an education and going to school is something most of us think ends the day we graduate from high school, college or university in our younger years. However, more than ever, life-long learning and education is now a reality throughout our working careers as we learn new skills, adapt to an evolving workplace or change careers. Keeping your job skills and certifications current is the best insurance against chronic unemployment and income instability.

The Government of Canada has many programs to support those getting or updating their education. These programs are usually income-tested, meaning that more assistance is available for those who need it and less for those who can afford to fund their own schooling.

While many of the programs, such as Registered Education Savings Plans and Canada Student Loan programs

are well-known, many other programs exist to assist mature students or those seeking a career in the trades.

As a former electrician, I am a big supporter of those seeking a career in the trades.

The Canada Apprentice Loan will help you complete your apprenticeship in a designated Red Seal trade. With the Canada Apprentice Loan, you can get up to \$4,000 in interest-free loans per period of technical training. You can use the money to help pay for tuition, tools, equipment and living expenses, to cover forgone wages or to help support your family. You will not have to make payments on your Canada Apprentice Loan, and no interest will accumulate until after you complete or leave your apprenticeship training program.

The Apprenticeship Incentive Grant is a taxable cash grant of \$1,000 per year or per level, up to a maximum amount of \$2,000 per person. The Apprenticeship Completion Grant is a one-time taxable cash grant of \$2,000 for registered apprentices who complete their apprenticeship training and obtain their journeyman certification. For more information on these programs, please visit www.canada.ca/apprentice or call 1-800-622-6232.

If you are an eligible apprentice, you can also receive up to 55 percent of your weekly average insurable earnings in EI benefits while attending full-time technical training.

Those hiring an apprentice could be eligible for the Apprenticeship Job Creation Tax Credit (AJCTC) which is a non-refundable tax credit equal to 10% of the eligible salaries and wages payable to eligible apprentices. The maximum credit an employer can claim is \$2,000 per year for each eligible apprentice.

Updating your skills and training can be a very rewarding experience. It will unlock new career opportunities and make you more employable in a changing economy. If you are considering returning to school, or want to update your education and skills, you can contact Service Canada at 1-800-622-6232 to find out about the various assistance programs available to you.

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- ◆ Free announcements: lost/found, household items for sale, wanted, garage sale, student/senior services, etc.
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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Become an Entrance Keeper of Nose Hill, while you go about your ordinary routine. A member reported he just returned from a walk on Nose Hill and spotted some vandalism on the stainless-steel artwork on the North end of the Walkway over John Laurie Blvd. "It is a 'tag' in white paint presumably someone's initials or symbol. I reported this to the city but thought you might like to know."

There was a free guided botany walk on Nose Hill (2 hours) in June to identify summer flowers. Walks are popular, so watch for more events at our website www.fonhs.org and/or join us on Facebook. For example, our

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first Nose Hill Photo Contest is open to all. Guidelines and entry forms are on our website. Email contest entry forms and photo(s) to friendsofnosehill@gmail.com with the subject heading "Photo Contest" by September 30th. Only photos taken October 2016 – September 30th, 2017 are eligible. The judges will convene in October and winners announced at the annual general meeting in November.

There will be a second edition of the **Rare Vascular Plants of Alberta** (Alberta Native Plant Council). Vascular means that the plant can move water and minerals. The list has changed. Some species were removed and many added. If you would like to submit photos, images for the book will be chosen from those submitted. For a list of plants and instructions go to: www.anpc.ab.ca and, if you have questions, email: ABRarePlantBook@gmail.com.

As previously reported, motion-activated cameras will be installed in 11 Calgary parks, including Nose Hill Park and one provincial park, to monitor wildlife. However, there may be privacy concerns. Any such cameras legally allowed in national parks are locked, so the memory cards cannot be tampered with and images of people are properly disposed of.

Parks Canada issued a restricted activity order, so only people with a research permit can set up remote cameras in national parks. As cameras become less expensive and more accessible to the general public, sometimes staff find unauthorized cameras and take them down.

Use of motion-activated trail cameras by the public for wildlife images is banned. Anyone caught deploying such cameras without a permit may be charged under the Canada National Parks Act. Wildlife officials say they want to prevent disturbance to wildlife at sensitive locations and protect the privacy of people whose images may be collected.

OFF THE MENU

Since 2015, throwing away food is illegal in Seattle. Failing to compost will result in a fine for citizens and businesses.

Canadian Blood Services

We have moved! Canadian Blood Services' new Eau Claire Market clinic is now open! We are located on the 2nd Floor of Eau Claire Market, right across from the Cineplex Movie Theatres. This clinic is the new permanent downtown clinic for whole blood, plasma, and platelet donors. The clinic is open 6 days a week, and has evening clinics available from 3 PM – 7 PM. There is also free underground donor parking which can be accessed on the East side of Eau Claire Market off of 2nd St SW. Visit www.blood.ca, download the app GiveLife, or call 1-888-2DONATE to book your appointment today! Follow us on Twitter @givelifecalgary for news, updates, and upcoming events! You have the power to Give Life!

SCHOOL SHOUT-OUTS

La Coccinelle French Immersion Preschool

As we begin another exciting school year, we extend a big welcome to both new and returning students. Our wonderful teacher, Madame Claudette, is looking forward to her 4th year with La Coccinelle prematernelle!

September is a month of getting acquainted with the new students, rekindling old friendships and making new ones, and establishing preschool routines. La Coccinelle French Immersion preschool has a bright and cheerful atmosphere that creates a wonderful environment for learning, playing and having fun.

Parents please mark your calendar for the Parent Orientation night Thursday September 7th at 6:30 pm at the preschool.

If you need more information about the preschool please call 403-815-4063 or visit our website at www.la-coccinelle.ca

SCHOOL SHOUT-OUTS

Queen Elizabeth High School

Welcome back to school to all of our students and parents! It is our hope that the summer was wonderful and filled with lots of adventures.

One of our goals this year is to cultivate greater community connections and relationships. Monthly contributions to Great News community newsletters are part of this commitment. We would also like to work with local businesses, organizations and individuals. Our initial ideas are to start a speaker series and/or mentorship program with members from the community. If you have an idea for how we might be able to cultivate greater community connections and relationships, please contact Rachel Pruitt at rdpruitt@cbe.ab.ca

Please visit our website at <http://schools.cbe.ab.ca/b806/> for September class information. Grade 7 and Grade 10 students will start classes on Tuesday September 5. All other grades will have their first day of classes on September 6. Our office is open to parents on Wednesday, August 30.

High school girls' soccer tryouts will happen early September. There is an informational meeting after school on September 8 in Room 231 with Coach Perfect.

Our school will hold our Terry Fox Run for cancer research on Thursday September 28. Please join us to either participate or donate. Our school assembly will be held at 10:30am with the run to follow. Please visit our website for more information.

If you have refundables (bottles, cans and milk/juice cartons) collecting, Queen Elizabeth Band students would love to take them off your hands! We will be in your neighbourhood on Saturday October 14. Band Director Shannon Fehr would then like to thank you for your support the best way she knows how – by welcoming you to a band concert on Wednesday October 18. Please visit the website for more information closer to the date.





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Pedestrian Safety

Pedestrian safety and cut-through traffic are top issues for Ward 7 communities. Most older neighbourhoods were built on grid networks, where streets connect at right angles with frequent intersections. The grid makes our communities easy to navigate by foot and by bike, but it also makes them easier to shortcut through, given that multiple routes can be taken to reach a destination. While communities that have "loop and lollypop" streets experience less cut-through traffic, they work poorly for walking and cycling. Both types of Calgary communities have their challenges, which is why we need a wide-reaching approach to make Calgary a better city for walking.

The City's new **Step Forward** pedestrian strategy is a long-term plan to improve the safety, accessibility, and desirability of walking in Calgary. The strategy includes 49 actions which were shaped by input from thousands of Calgarians. To learn more about Step Forward, visit: www.Calgary.ca/StepForward

The world is also taking notice of Calgary's plan to become a more walkable city. In September, we will play host to the **International Walk21 Conference**. Previously hosted in global cities like Hong Kong, London, and New York, it is an honour to sponsor this prestigious conference in partnership with the University of Calgary. It comes as a direct result of Calgary's work to shift from a city known for its auto-dependent sprawl, to a city that offers real transportation choice. Delegates will

include walkability experts from around the world. To learn more about Walk21 and how you can participate, visit www.Walk21.com

As Step Forward rolls out, and as we celebrate Walk21 in Calgary, you can take action today to improve walkability and street safety in your community.

Many communities apply for community traffic studies to identify ways to redesign residential streets to prioritise walking, slow down traffic, and discourage cut through traffic. Due to high demand, a thorough traffic study can take time to complete. Sometimes what is needed is a quick, temporary, and inexpensive way to address concerns. That is why Council supported my motion to create the **ActivateYYC microgrants**. Communities can apply for grants to fund "temporary local projects and events that motivate Calgarians to walk, play and be neighbourly." For details, visit www.CalgaryCommunities.com/ActivateYYC

If your community is interested in a **community traffic study**, residents should work with the local community association to generate broad support for a study. To learn more about how to apply for a community traffic study, visit www.Calgary.ca and search for "Community Traffic Concerns".

Let's foster healthier and more vibrant neighbourhoods by working together to make walking safer, more accessible, and more desirable.

To sign up for updates on key community and Ward 7 issues, please visit www.DruhFarrell.ca.

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Friends,

September marks the last month of what has been a long, hot summer. August was a more laid-back month with the high excitement of Stampede and Canada's 150th birthday all packed into July. It was a month to enjoy the long summer days, particularly the Heritage Day long weekend, and maybe even take a vacation to a new place or relax in a familiar one.

September is also the start of the school year for Alberta families. This school year will be the first one after the implementation of the School Fees and Costs Regulation and the School Transportation Regulation which eliminates the fees for textbooks, workbooks, printing, photocopying and paper as well as bus fees for students living 2.4 kilometres or more from their designated school. This will save Alberta families hundreds of dollars every year.

On Labour Day weekend, the Montgomery Community Association will host the annual BBQ on the Bow. It is a delicious celebration of all the ways you can grill fine Alberta meats, as well as a contest for aspiring pitmaster champions. I am certainly looking forward to attending again!

Our government is always interested in hearing what Albertans have to say about major public programs. I am leading Service Alberta in a review of consumer protection laws. You can fill out an online survey until September 15th, or attend an open house in Calgary in mid-September. The condo review is still ongoing and you can submit your feedback to condoreview@gov.ab.ca. Also, the Municipal Government Act review is accepting public input until September 22nd.

We have recently moved our office to a new location in Montgomery. You can find us at #202, 4712 16th Avenue NW, T3B 0N1.

Our office serves all the people of Varsity, Dalhousie, Brentwood, Banff Trail, University Heights, Montgomery, and Charleswood. Our team is available to talk to constituents about provincial government departments, programs, scrolls, and services. To find out more drop in, call, email, or check out stephaniemclean.albertandpcaucus.ca

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September means a new school year and lots of exciting new beginnings for students, teachers and staff. As this year is a municipal election year, it also means new beginnings for the Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) Board of Trustees. As trustees are elected officials, some of whom are retiring, while others are running again, there will be a new board in the fall.

The deadline to file nomination papers, which will confirm a candidate's intention to run as a local school board trustee, is Monday, September 18, 2017. The municipal election takes place on Monday, October 16, 2017 and will determine the mayor, city councilors and school board trustees for Calgary, as well as all municipalities in Alberta including the City of Airdrie, City of Chestermere and Town of Cochrane, also served by the CCSD.


Alberta school boards help shape the future of local communities by governing the education of students enrolled in kindergarten through Grade 12. The provincial government, through the Minister of Education, grants school boards the authority to make decisions regarding the direction and quality of local public education. Accountability to the public is entrenched through the election of local school board trustees every four years.






To be a Catholic school trustee represents a dual challenge: trustees must ensure that students are provided the very best educational opportunities, while at the same time ensuring that Catholic principles and values are reflected in policies and practices of the school board, thus establishing an education system that is permeated by faith. In practice, this plays out in trustees being accountable to both government legislation, as well as Canon Law (Church Law).

The success of Catholic schools depends on everyone in the faith community. While some are called to run as candidates for trustee, others are called to be supporters of Catholic education. Whether it is in the classroom, home or parish, every member of the faith community has a responsibility to ensure the vibrancy of our Catholic schools today and far into the future. An election is an opportune time for the community to have its say in Catholic education.

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