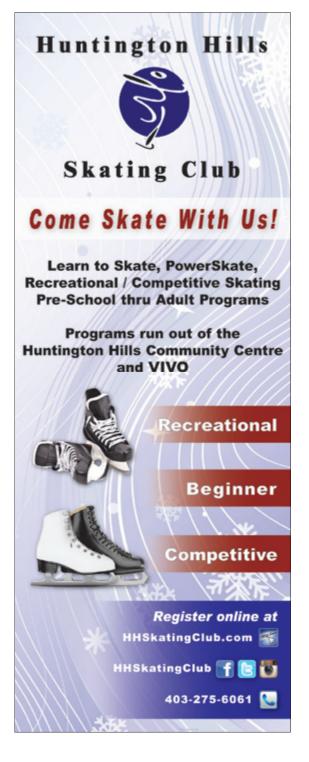
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Before and After School **Program**

September Update

This summer flew by lots of exciting fieldtrips and excellent weather! We enjoyed a full program with lots of new faces. Hopefully we will see everyone again next summer!

Some stand out fieldtrips included the Lloyd's Roller rink; the Calgary Corn Maze; the Southland Leisure Centre; and the program wide visit to Sunridge Spectrum Movie Theatre. It was a fun filled summer with three field trips a week and lots of fun themed days.

We are looking forward to September- getting back into the school routine and welcoming new Kindergarten children into the program. All of our programs are currently full. If you would like to join our waitlist, please contact us at 403.295.8837x104 or by e-mail at bhca.basp@shaw.ca

This month has exciting new clubs such as a Program Council which the children will facilitate and run, as well as we are already looking forward to our Halloween celebrations that take over the program for at least a week in October!

More to come in October!



BOARD MEETINGS

Fourth Tuesday of the month (except Dec/July).

7 p.m. start in upper board room at Community Theatre Building (former Community Centre) Open to all BHCA members and the Beddington community.



STEP INTO FALL



Are you thinking of becoming more active?

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- -\$10 gift card
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To participate contact:

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Highwood Lutheran Church 419 Northmount Drive NW Calgary Communion Service Sundays at 10:30

- Sunday School Registration throughout September Classes start on the Sept. 25th
- Confirmation Class:
 First meeting September 11
- Commemorative concert November 18th
- More events coming Check our web site

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Hearing Loss differs from Vision loss

Dr. Diane Fennell

As with the eve, the ear's performance is affected by aging. However, bad vision gradually makes reading harder as the letters get smaller as in the chart below but hearing loss is different. In hearing impairment some sounds in a word may be heard clearly but other sounds particularly consonants may not, causing overall speech to sound 'muffled' or unclear. Hearing loss can make certain syllables and sounds harder to hear. For example, high-pitched consonants like f, s, th, c, st and t are easily drowned out by louder, low-pitched vowels like a, o and u. This results in a person with hearing loss complaining that they can hear others are talking, but not what they are saying. They can hear but do not always understand particularly in noise. Listening with an untreated hearing loss can be compared to Swiss cheese: there are 'holes' in the conversation.

Hearing Loss vs. Visual Impairment

Normal Hearing Visual Impairment Hearing Loss







Hearing loss usually begins unnoticed. On average, people with hearing loss wait almost 10 years before they do something about it. Too few people make a timely decision to take active steps to recover their hearing and increase their quality of life.

Studies show that as people lose their hearing, they are more prone to depression; they withdraw socially and communicate less with family and friends. This comes as no surprise – after all, you can't participate in conversation if you can't hear or understand what's being said!

Sources: www.cubex.co.uk/your-hearing; www.oticon.global/hearing



Beddington Real Estate Update Last 12 Months Beddington MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
July 2016	\$346,950.00	\$332,750.00
June 2016	\$399,900.00	\$380,000.00
May 2016	\$399,888.00	\$390,000.00
April 2016	\$375,000.00	\$364,000.00
March 2016	\$315,000.00	\$310,000.00
February 2016	\$419,900.00	\$409,750.00
January 2016	\$394,450.00	\$380,000.00
December 2015	\$399,900.00	\$383,000.00
November 2015	\$389,450.00	\$370,600.00
October 2015	\$348,000.00	\$338,000.00
September 2015	\$399,900.00	\$387,000.00
August 2015	\$394,900.00	\$389,000.00

Last 12 Beddington MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold			
July 2016	19	10			
June 2016	16	17			
May 2016	15	15			
April 2016	21	9			
March 2016	7	7			
February 2016	10	6			
January 2016	8	6			
December 2015	6	5			
November 2015	10	12			
October 2015	9	5			
September 2015	11	7			
August 2015	12	16			

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **beddington.great-news.ca**

Beddington Heights my bobysitter list

Name	Age	Contact	Course
Angeline	14	403-275-0344	Yes
Bella	15	403-969-2072	Yes
Brittney	18	403-464-0213	Yes
Cameron	13	403-455-0142	Yes
Kasandra	27	403-483-1788	Yes
May	55	587-968-0782	Yes
NIkkita	24	403-826-8917	Yes
Rebecca	14	587-223-6730	Yes
Sabrina	17	403-512-3171	Yes
Winner	18	587-893-2935	Yes
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WHEN A CHILD FALLS BEHIND:

TIPS FROM A PSYCHOLOGIST & FORMER TEACHER

By Joyce Achtnig BEd, MC, CCC, Provisional Psychologist & Canadian Certified Counsellor

What Can You do if Your Child is Struggling in School? Is your child underachieving academically? Or do you think your child may be gifted and is underachieving due to boredom and lack of challenge? Parents and teachers are often the first to voice concerns regarding a child's struggles and need for help. When teachers suspect that issues like Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), or a learning disability may be at the root of a child's challenges at school, they will often recommend a psychoeducational evaluation. Current research demonstrates that early identification, understanding, and appropriate intervention is the key to a child's success.

What are School Psycho-educational Assessments and What Benefits do They Offer?

It is understandable that many parents are unclear about exactly what a psycho-educational assessment is when school staff or a physician recommend it. A psycho-educational assessment will evaluate your child's thinking/reasoning abilities and underlying psychological processes (e.g., attention, processing, fluid reasoning, memory). It also assesses academic achievement (e.g., expressive and receptive language, reading, writing composition, math), social development, emotional functioning, and behaviour. This is generally accomplished through standardized testing, informal assessments, interviews, questionnaires, observations, and review of previous records or reports.

The end result is a rich and comprehensive assessment that helps parents and educators by making sense of a child's struggles and uncovering his or her strengths. A psycho-educational assessment is a powerful tool because it creates a more accurate and complete picture of your child that can change the way your child is perceived and ensure that appropriate resources, educa-

tional programming, and accommodations necessary for success are recommended. In addition, information in the assessment may also be used to qualify the child for disability services, or to guide physicians in choosing appropriate medication, etc.

How Can Parents Obtain a Psycho-educational Assessment?

Parents may ask the school to complete a psycho-educational assessment; this is done by school board psychologists, at no cost to parents. Unfortunately, there are waitlists and only the most severe or in need students will qualify for the few assessment opportunities that have been allocated to each school for that year. The fastest way to obtain an assessment for your child is to use a psychologist in private practice; we can usually book an appointment in less than a month, and have the report completed between four to six weeks after testing. In Calgary, the cost for a psycho-educational assessment ranges from approximately \$1,400 to \$2,800, depending on the psychologist you choose and the assessment tools and time required. In many cases, a parent's insurance plan through work can pay for at least some of this expense.



AT A GLANCE...

September 21 to October 2 - Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF): The Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) is a 12-day showcase of up to 200 multi-genre films from Canada and over 40 other countries. The festival hosts gala events, screenings, award ceremonies and special presentations. www.calgaryfilm.com

October 1 - A Little Light Music: This is a chamber music concert with a special focus on well-known Canadian composers. There will be a fun, playful line-up of music in this concert with everything from A Little Light Music to Viva Gershwin. www.scpa.ucalgary.ca/events/little-light-music

October 6 - An Evening With Bethany Hamilton, Soul Surfer: Bethany Hamilton has become a source of inspiration to millions through her story of determination, faith and hope. Hear Hamilton discuss her surfing career and her charitable contributions in this inspirational talk. www. ticketmaster.ca/event/110050A6A6225E87

October 7 to 8 - Disney In Concert: Tale As Old As Time: Start Thanksgiving weekend with some classic Disney tunes performed by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. The popular Disney songs from these films are played alongside clips from the movies. www.calgaryphil.com

October 11 to 29 – Boom: Using images and video, the show explores the musicians, politicians and cultural icons around from 1945 to 1969 that shaped the baby boom generation. www.theatrecalgary.com

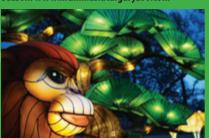
October 12 to 15 - Intensional Particle + Split Flow: Hiroaki Umeda is a Japanese multi-disciplinary artist. He's a dancer, a sound, image and lighting designer, and a choreography. He brings two new solo shows to Theatre Junction. www. theatrejunction.com

October 14 to 29 – Fluid Festival: This year marks the 11th Fluid Festival, and just like the inaugural event, this year's Fluid Festival will celebrate dance and physical performance. www.springboardperformance.com

October 15 - Calgary Stampeders PinkPower Game: This football game joins in the fight against women's cancers. Arrive early to the game to purchase limited edition PinkPower merchandise, then watch the Calgary Stampeders take on the Montréal Alouettes. www.stampeders.com

SEPTEMBER 8 TO OCTOBER 16 ILLUMINASIA LANTERN AND GARDEN FESTIVAL

Illuminasia returns to the Calgary Zoo for its second year. This year, the theme is the four seasons and the four noble plants of Chinese culture — one plant is used to represent each season. www.illuminasiacalgaryzoo.com



SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 1 THE PRINT IT YOURSELF FESTIVAL

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OCTOBER 27 TO 29 DRACULA

The Alberta Ballet presents the classical ballet Dracula at the end of October. Special effects, impressive costumes (Dracula wears a 23-footlong cape) and exquisite choreography bring this horror story to life. www.albertaballet50.com





The Tiny but Mighty Bufflehead

Article by J.G. Turner Photo by Mdf

This very small, compact, buoyant diving duck can be identified by its large, dark, puffy looking head with short, wide, greyish bill. The Bufflehead has an average length of just 36 cm or 14.5 inches, wingspan of about 53 cm or 21 inches, and weight of approximately 411 g or 15 ounces. The best places to spot a Bufflehead are small lakes with marshy edges and open centres, and areas where there are lots of poplar trees and aspen woodlands in central Alberta from the Spring through to late Autumn.

Fun Facts:

- •The Bufflehead migrates from Mexico or the Gulf Coast of the United States to breed in Canada, and even as far north as Alaska.
- · Buffleheads are one of the last ducks to leave Alberta before winter arrives.



- Where open water remains over the winter, this little duck sometimes stays year round.
- · When mature, a female Bufflehead will return each year to the area where she was born to search for a nest cavity in which to lay her eggs.
- She will often choose an abandoned woodpecker's nest and absolutely loves the nest holes carved out by the Northern Flicker.
- As a diving duck, its legs are near the back of its body, so they must 'run' across the surface of the water to gain the momentum needed to take off and fly.
- The Bufflehead is Canada's smallest duck and they can squeeze through holes only eight centimeters wide!
- Buffleheads are territorial: males will defend a female by diving under water and popping up underneath a rival male. Females will defend the water where they rear their young.

The Bufflehead is one of the scarcest ducks in North America and its numbers continue to suffer from logging and agricultural clearing of poplar stands and aspen woodlands, decreased numbers of Northern Flickers in an area, and human hunting activities.

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

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Crowchild Trail Study – Mark your calendar for fall events!

Thanks Calgary for helping us evaluate the preliminary concepts against the project goals. We used your evaluation as input to identify a set of draft recommendations for the study area.

We invite you to join us at one of the open houses in October to provide your feedback on the recommendations. These events are part of Phase 5: Concept Selection and Recommendation of the study process.

Open House #1: Saturday, October 1, 2016

(No RSVP required)

Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Sunalta School - 536 Sonora Ave. S.W.

Open House #2: Monday, October 3, 2016

(No RSVP required)

Time: 5 to 8 p.m.

Location: Red and White Club, McMahon Stadium -1833 Crowchild Tr. N.W.

We are meeting with property owners whose properties were identified as impacted by the long-term preliminary concepts prior to the scheduled engagement events. In addition, an open house for residents, businesses and homeowners located within one block of Crowchild Trail is scheduled in September. This inviteonly event provides the opportunity for them to share their feedback and perspectives before the broader community.

Your feedback will help us refine the draft recommendations. The final recommendations will be shared with you in Phase 6: Reporting and Completion in November. We anticipate presenting the final recommendations to Council in early 2017.

If you're unable to attend one of the open houses, other engagement events are scheduled and there will be an opportunity to provide your input online. For a complete list of engagement opportunities, go to calgary. ca/crowchild.

Alberta Health Services EMS

Back to School safety

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and children about a few road safety tips, as streets become more congested, with the return of the school year. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.

Motorists

- Avoid talking on a cell phone, texting, or any other behaviour that diverts your attention away from driving:
- Give right-of-way to pedestrians who have activated overhead crossing lights, or who are waiting to cross from a street corner:
- Remember, it is illegal to pass vehicles other than those that are parked - in school, or playground zones, during posted hours.

Around school buses

- Flashing amber lights mean a bus is slowing down to stop - motorists should do likewise;
- No matter which direction you are coming from, STOP, when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights – unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you;
- Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.

Pedestrians

- Cross only at marked crosswalks, or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions;
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause and make eye contact with all drivers before stepping off the curb. This is to ensure that motorists in both directions have seen you and come to a complete stop;
- Stay within the crosswalk lines until fully clear of the roadway;
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the "walk" sign and only when all vehicles have come to a complete stop;
- If you are with young children, or pets, hold your child's hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when
- · Remember: children learn by observing. By demonstrating safe crossing habits, you can reduce the chances of your child being involved in a preventable auto/ pedestrian collision.



CULINARY FILE:

Feta Turkey Burgers with Sautéed Red Pepper and Onions

Written by Rae-Ann Hagen, Registered Dietitian

Turkey Burgers have become a family staple over the past couple of years. This recipe was originally my husband's creation that has since evolved into this guick and easy meal. Not only is this super quick but they always make for a delicious healthy meal which makes this recipe perfect for both a weeknight family meal or a weekend BBQ with friends. To make these burgers I recommend you start with your favourite fresh whole wheat bun. Follow the recipes for the feta turkey burger patties and sautéed red pepper and onion topping listed below. I find that fresh arugula adds a nice peppery flavour but any green will compliment these turkey burgers well. I love to serve these with a yummy summer salad on the side to keep it light and fresh.

Feta Turkey Burger Patties

Ingredients:

1 package of ground turkey 1/4 cup of feta cheese 1 tsp dried oregano freshly ground pepper to taste Directions:

1. In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients. Divide into 4 equal parts and form into patties. If time allows

- let the patties rest in the fridge for an hour prior to cookina.
- 2. Cook the patties on a medium grill. Cooking time can vary but is typically around 20 minutes. Check the internal temperature is at least 165 °F to ensure the patties are fully cooked.
- 3. Serve on a fresh bun, top with the red pepper onion topping and fresh arugula.

Sautéed Red Pepper & Onion Topping

Ingredients:

1/2 red pepper thinly sliced 1/4 white onion thinly sliced 1 tbsp. canola oil sprinkle of Montreal Steak spice

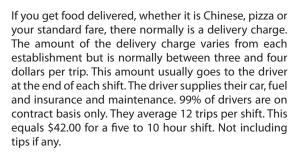
Directions:

- 1. Put red peppers, onions, canola oil and Montreal steak spice together in a pan. Cook on a medium heat until soft, around 5 minutes.
- 2. Place on top of your grilled feta turkey burger.

Enjoy these with family and friends during this fabulous barbeque season!

Do you tip the pizza delivery guy or gal?

If so, how much? Below are some facts and figures to help you out.



Most pizza places have a defined area of delivery which is about eight kilometres to the furthest delivery point. With an average of five kilometres one way per trip, and round trip equals of 10 kilometres. The government (CRA) allows independent contractors a 0.54 cent per kilometre allowance. At 120 kilometres per shift this equates to the driver going into the red for about \$20. So why do it? Most do not make enough to pay rent or even claim the 0.54 cent allowance. Most drivers pay out approximately \$15 for gas per shift which to them equals a positive cash flow of \$27 per shift. (Not including tips, if any.)

Which brings us to the question of do you tip or not and. if you do, how much? There are of course no set guidelines, established rules or common practices such as in sit down restaurants. (Restaurant staffs expect 10 to 20% of your total bill as a tip which they normally share.)

So what should you tip? But, before we get to that, let's explore some of the demographics regarding pizza deliveries and how different groups tip.

Office staffs ordering during the day often tip a minimum of 15% or \$10. I am sure they do not want to look cheap in front of their coworkers and most can expense this. Senior citizens always tip (there are a few exceptions) normally \$5 and sometimes as little as \$2. Low income do not tip well at all although some do make an effort. People who live in million dollar homes are normally not good tippers. Working class people normally are the best tippers. College and high school students are very poor tippers (unless ordering from a party). And the big one - women are better tippers than men (although there are exceptions).

A decent tip would be minimum of \$5 -\$10 for orders up to \$50, \$10 to \$15 for orders up to \$100, anything over a \$100 a minimum of \$20 would be nice.

So they do it for the cash and the tips. Some are retired and cannot live on the amount they receive; others cannot find a steady job or are limited due to personal circumstances that prevent full time employment.



EDIBLE SIX-PACK RING

The first fully edible beer can packaging has been made from by-products of the brewing process such as wheat and barley, their six-pack holders are fully biodegradable and completely digestible. Rather than ensnaring curious animals in a corset of litter, the company's six-pack rings could serve as a satisfying snack. And if nothing is biting, the rings quickly decompose.

-Discover magazine

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What's new at the CBE

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time. It's a time when friends reconnect with friends, teachers welcome new and returning students and we set out our shared goals and objectives for the year.

Opening new schools

This year is particularly exciting as we're opening an unprecedented number of new and replacement schools while updating others with new equipment and modern classroom configurations. All of this construction is expected to ease the space crunch for the over 118,000 students we are welcoming this year, while opening up new learning possibilities in our schools.

With all of these openings, there will be changes throughout the year for students and staff. Some of our existing schools will have fewer students in September as many students will be attending a new school in their community. Even if your community isn't impacted by students leaving, your schools may be welcoming a new principal, teachers or support staff. Certainly, every school will welcome new students! We are working together to ensure we make the transition as welcoming and positive an experience as possible for everyone.

To learn more about our new schools and our ongoing construction projects please visit cbe.ab.ca/newschools.

Building a new approach to community engagement

The CBE is committed to involving people indecisions that affect them. To do this more effectively, we have developed a new system-wide approach to community engagement called the Dialogue Framework. This framework will help us plan engagement activities on topics that we know are important to our staff, parents, students and other community members. In addition to gathering input on building the framework last school year, we also connected with people on transportation services, schools impacted by the opening of new schools, our budget and more. We heard from thousands of people and your perspectives have helped us develop plans for the future. You can expect to hear more about these engagements and opportunities to share your perspectives this fall as we continue to in-

volve you in issues that affect you or your family. We all have a part to play in the education of our young people and by working together, we can make a difference for our students and our community.

For more information on CBE's community engagement initiatives, please visit cbe.ab.ca/dialogue.

We look forward to another great school year at the CBE. The start of the school year is an exciting time, especially for families with students beginning school for the first time. We look forward to meeting you! Welcome back to all of our returning students and staff members. We hope you had a restful summer and are ready for an exciting year of learning.

If you are interested in learning more about how the Board of Trustees advocates to protect public education and student success, we'd love to speak with you. Contact us at boardoftrustees@cbe.ab.ca

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AFMA approved

News from the Friends of Nose Hill by Anne Burke

The City needs help in identifying weeds in open space. The management plan involves methods to combat weed threats. These tools are biological, mechanical, chemical, and cultural controls. There are some concerns about spraying pesticides and herbicides, although the City posts signs and does have some pesticide-free parks in Calgary.

One of the controls is an organic vegetation management practice called targeted grazing, a land management strategy which is safe, chemical free, and environmentally friendly.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Mandatory bylaw for building maintenance approved by City Council

What goes up shouldn't come down.

In the last few years, there have been several incidents of materials and debris falling off tall buildings, particularly in the downtown core. City of Calgary investigations into these events revealed that there's more to be done to prevent potentially hazardous situations and protect public safety. That's why the Building Maintenance Bylaw was developed.

It will require buildings that are five storeys or higher and 10 years and older to complete visual exterior assessments every five years.

The bylaw comes into force on Jan. 1, 2017. To learn more, visit calgary.ca/buildingmaintenancebylaw.

Beginning in June (and for three weeks this summer) a herd of 100 goats was monitored 24 hours a day by the shepherd, with herding dogs, volunteers, and horses in Confluence Park (West Nose Creek).

This is important wildlife habitat. Unlike Nose Hill, the site permits livestock grazing with an approved development permit application, although the practice is generally prohibited within City limits. As the animals fertilize the soil, their hooves help to till, aerate, and condition the ground. Their digestion is acidic, so that the seeds cannot grow as new weeds. The purpose was to control invasive species such as Canada thistle, yellow clematis, nodding thistle, and other delicious broad leaf weeds they prefer. See: online at calgary.ca/goats.

The Urban Conservation Lead for City Parks said the public has been very supportive. We now know we can use goats in an active park, without disrupting enjoyment by park visitors, whether on foot, bicycle, or with dogs on leash. The goats did an excellent job targeting invasive weeds, such as Canada thistle, hound's tongue, and hawkwood.

The project budget was \$25,000. The City will assess and evaluate the data to decide about the project's effectiveness. The next step will be to evaluate its potential use in parks and open spaces. If successful, the initiative may expand to other natural areas in the city.

On the monthly BiodiverCity Committee agenda there were announcements, presentations on wildlife strategy, biodiversity implementation plan; updates from subcommittees, work plan, business unit survey, and list of potential 3rd party partners. Meetings are in downtown Calgary and open to the public. For details, contact steven.snell@calgary.ca.

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Alberta Health Care	403.310.0000
AHS Addictions Hotline	1.866.332.2322
ATCO Gas – 24 Hour Emergency	403.245.7222
Calgary HEALTH LINK 24/7	811
Calgary Police – Non Emergency	403.266.1234
Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter	403.234.7233
Child Abuse Hotline	1.800.387.5437
Kids Help Line	1.800.668.6868
Child Safe Canada	403.202.5900
Distress/Crisis Line	403.266.4357
ENMAX – Power Trouble	403-514-6100
Poison Centre - Alberta	1-800-332-1414
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Alberta Children's Hospital	403.955.7211
Foothills Hospital	403.944.1110
Peter Lougheed Centre	403.943.4555
Rockyview General Hospital	403.943.3000
Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre	403.955.6200
South Calgary Urgent Care Health Centre	403.943.9300
South Health Campus	403.956.1111
OTHER	
Calgary Humane Society	403.205.4455
Calgary Parking Authority	403.537.7000
SeniorConnect	403.266.6200
Calgary Kerby Elder Abuse Line	403.705.3250
Alberta One-Call Corporation	1.800.242.3447
City of Calgary	311
Social Service Info & Referral	211
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An important change that will significantly impact Canadian democracy is about to happen. The Federal government has announced that it will change the way that we elect our representatives.

At present, when you vote in a federal election, you cast a vote for the person you want to have represent you in Ottawa. The candidate who receives the most votes is then selected to serve our community. They are directly accountable to the electorate in their community for their decisions.

The Federal government is going to change this process.

However, they have not told us how they are going to change the system. Instead, they've indicated that they likely will not let Canadians have a direct say on whatever they propose via referendum.

I'll point out the obvious; any politician will have a self-interest in changing the voting system. As such, I believe that it is highly inappropriate for politicians to change how they are elected without direct approval from Canadians.

My town-hall meeting last May featured a lively discussion on electoral reform and I thank all the participants for their insight and input. But, in order to directly consult with you, all households in my riding will receive a survey from me, with information on this vital topic and asking your own opinion on the subject. When you receive this please return it to me with your comments. You may also complete the survey online at www. michellerempel.ca/survey.

I need your voice and thoughts on this urgent and highly important issue.

You may also contact me directly with your concerns on this vital issue, or any others, by email at: Michelle. Rempel@parl.gc.ca.

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Greetings Residents,

Safety Reminders for Back to School

Safe driving goes beyond the first week of September, drivers need to exercise caution the rest of the year, too. Have a great school year and drive safely! Visit www. canadasafetycouncil.org/child-safety/safety-remindersback-school.

Calgary AfterSchool

Trying to figure out what to do with your child once school starts? Calgary AfterSchool offers, fun, safe, supervised, and quality after school programs for Calgary kids aged 6 to 16. A collaborative effort between The City of Calgary and community partners, Calgary AfterSchool programming takes place during the critical hours of 3 p.m. – 6 p.m., when kids are out of school, but parents may not yet be home. Calgary AfterSchool participants gain physical, social, leadership and creative skills. For more information, including a listing of all programs, visit Calgary.ca/AfterSchool.

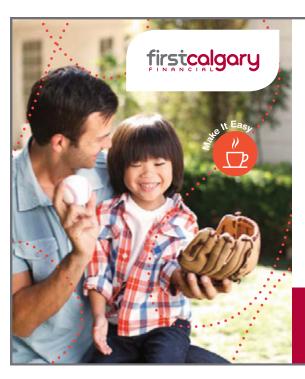
Subsidies are available for City services

Need help accessing City of Calgary programs, services or facilities? The City has several programs that are offered at a subsidized rate for Calgarians who may have trouble affording them. The new Fair Entry process makes applying for fee subsidized City-services easier.

One application allows Calgarians to have their income level assessed for several subsidy programs and services. Apply for:

- 1. Calgary Transit Low-Income Transit Pass Program
- 2. Recreation Fee Assistance Program
- 3. Property Tax Assistance Program
- 4. No Cost Spay/Neuter Program
- 5. Seniors Services Home Maintenance

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