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## IN & AROUND CALGARY

### The scoop on dog poop

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3. It's not a good fertilizer. Its high nutrient content is toxic to lawns and will create "hot spots" causing the grass to burn and discolour.
4. It doesn't absorb into the soil, so the risk of spreading its harmful effects can linger for years!
5. It attracts mice, coyotes and other wildlife that consider it a delicious snack.

Keeping our city pet-waste free is easy, if we all do our part. Always carry pet waste bags with you when you walk your dog, and pick up and properly dispose of your pet's waste as soon as possible.

To learn more about the importance of picking up after your pet, join us at a P.U.P.P.Y. (Pick Up Pooch's Poo Yourself) event near you. Visit [calgary.ca/puppy](http://calgary.ca/puppy) for details.




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#### Edgemont Ravine

Edgebrook Dr. & Edgebrook Blvd. NW  
35.5 hectares of networking ravines in the northwest section of the city are completely surrounded by the community of Edgemont. The naturalized marsh was one of the first to be constructed as part of the water management scheme in a community development. The community and park were established in the late 1970s. Access to the ravines is available through the parking lot on the east side of Edgebrook Blvd. NW.

#### Ranchlands Park

700 Ranchlands Blvd. NW.  
Ranchlands Park occupies about 12 hectares in the community of Ranchlands in the northwest part of the city. The park was established when the community was developed in the 1970s.

#### Nose Hill Park

5620 14 St. NW  
Area: 1129 hectares  
Nose Hill Natural Environment Park lies in the northwest part of the city, surrounded by 12 residential communities. The park was created in 1980 and covers over 11 square kilometres. The hill most likely gets its name from the fact that, from certain locations and with a little imagination, it looks like a nose.



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The Beavers learned about geocaching with a neighbourhood treasure hunt, learned to be rock stars from a U of C geologist, made first aid kits with a nurse from the Alberta Children's Hospital, went on a hike to see a real beaver lodge, flew kites, went to Camp Horizon and got to 'pie' the leaders! Whew! A very successful and busy season wrapped up with a night of fun and play at Tommy K Play. We are looking forward to even more activities, camps and fun next year! For a preview of our fall camp for Beavers and cubs check out Camp Cadicasu at cadicasu.com

The great weather was perfect for lots of outdoor activities for the Scouts. There was hiking at Nose Hill Park, an outdoor games night and of course, camping! Camp Horizon hosted the our Scouts along with the Cubs and Beavers.

The year wrapped up with some fun combat at Battlefield Live.

The Cubs welcomed the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Beavers into their group with the link camp. This is a great opportunity for the senior Beavers to experience their first camp without their parents and to join in with their new Cub group.

The Venturers enjoyed an action packed year with many activities, including a night of bowling. They ventured out to the Kananaskis for a 3 day hike and lightweight camp, went to the Lost Lake Scout camp and celebrated 4 youth earning their Queen's Venturer Awards.

**Early registration** for the fall is taking place June 1st at St Thomas United Church in Hawkwood from 6:30 to 8pm.



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Last 12 Months Citadel  
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
May 2016	\$459,900.00	\$459,375.00
April 2016	\$469,950.00	\$458,950.00
March 2016	\$478,450.00	\$469,000.00
February 2016	\$460,000.00	\$452,000.00
January 2016	\$422,500.00	\$416,000.00
December 2015	\$449,900.00	\$450,000.00
November 2015	\$434,700.00	\$429,000.00
October 2015	\$459,900.00	\$450,750.00
September 2015	\$454,900.00	\$452,250.00
August 2015	\$469,900.00	\$458,750.00
July 2015	\$504,900.00	\$490,000.00
June 2015	\$459,900.00	\$455,000.00

Last 12 Months Citadel  
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
May 2016	17	16
April 2016	16	14
March 2016	22	14
February 2016	6	9
January 2016	7	5
December 2015	6	7
November 2015	16	10
October 2015	12	12
September 2015	13	12
August 2015	14	14
July 2015	18	14
June 2015	17	23

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# 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 geog-

raphy, 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](http://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](mailto: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.



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### Last 12 Months Hawkwood

#### MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

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January 2016	\$509,350.00	\$498,500.00
December 2015	\$499,900.00	\$477,500.00
November 2015	\$518,900.00	\$510,000.00
October 2015	\$517,000.00	\$505,000.00
September 2015	\$515,000.00	\$508,000.00
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July 2015	\$492,000.00	\$474,044.00
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### Last 12 Months Hawkwood

#### MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
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## Calgarians are not ATM machines

Over the past few months, I've been consulting with the residents of Ward 2 on their priorities for our community and our city. Ward 2 residents are almost unanimous in their opposition to increased property taxes, and I agree. That is why on April 25, 2016, I took a stand and voted against the 6.1% increase to property taxes.

The last thing Calgarians need during an economic downturn is to be paying significantly more in property tax. Unfortunately, largely due to the provincial Budget 2016, taxes are going to be increasing and it will impact everyone, including The City of Calgary.

The 6.1% property tax increase was derived from the increased provincial education portion of property taxes. What is even more concerning is the fact that the 6.1% property tax increase does not take into account the new carbon tax that is being implemented by the provincial government. This carbon tax will not only tax each and every Albertan individually, but it will also be applied to our public transit system and almost every aspect of The City of Calgary's operations. This will significantly impact property tax rates in future years.

I voted against this 6.1% property tax increase because Calgarians are not an ATM machine. I believe that The City of Calgary will need to continue doing its part by looking at every aspect of spending to see what can be done to reduce the tax burden on Calgarians. However, I will admit that this task will be increasingly difficult due to the higher taxes being imposed on The City by the provincial government.

I believe that tax dollars are best kept in the pockets of taxpayers so that they can choose to spend their money as they see fit. This is particularly important in the context of our challenging economic climate. Many Calgarians have lost their jobs and have seen their incomes decline. The last thing these Calgarians need is to have their taxes increased which will make it even more difficult for them to pay their bills.

If you agree with me that your taxes are too high, and if you oppose the new carbon tax, I urge you to share your opinion with your local MLA. As always, please feel free to share your opinions with me via "Contact Councillor" at www.joemagliocca.ca.



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• **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](http://www.inglewoodsunfest.ca)

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Kids Help Line		1.800.668.6868
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## Small Acrobatic Gliders

Gliding to the left and right, the American Kestrel, keeps a sharp eye on the earth below for flickering blades of grass or the rustling of bushes. A member of the raptor family, the American Kestrel is easy to identify because it is the smallest of the North American falcons and the most colourful. Male and female Kestrels are dressed in a rusty red but only the males are garnished with a brilliant slate blue on their head and wings. They are easily spotted in open grassland areas, such as meadows and farmer's fields. They also can be seen in city areas and suburbs. Unlike songbirds, they will not be seen foraging for items for their nests, instead, they rely on abandoned Woodpecker holes, tree hollows and other empty cavities that are found in the environment. Kestrels may even take up residence in your backyard.

Your backyard could become a suitable home for the Kestrel, provided that you don't just set up any old bird-house. A nesting box, nailed to a tree, high above the yard and away from sources of noise, could provide a suitable home for a feathered family. They may repay you by keeping pesky rodents out of your yard.

Like many raptors, the American Kestrel hunts for insects such as grasshoppers, beetles and spiders. They also enjoy munching on small vertebrate prey such as mice, voles, shrews, songbirds and occasionally, frogs, snakes and small lizards. Some brave Kestrels have been spotted preying on larger creatures, such as red squirrels. One characteristic that gives the American Kestrel the upper hand on small prey is their ability to see ultraviolet light. This feature gives them the power to see urine trails created by small rodents and other creatures, leading them to their next meal.

When the Kestrel finds itself with a surplus of food they store their food for later use. Like a storage box, they will hide their food in grass clumps, tree roots and other cavities along the ground. These food items will come in handy when food is difficult to find.

Hunting all day and sleeping all night isn't as easy as it may sound. The American Kestrel must always on the lookout for predators. As the smallest falcon, they become easy prey to other raptors, such as Barn Owls, Goshawks and Red-tailed Hawks. Large reptiles such as rat snakes and corn snakes will also take Kestrels as prey.

When you are out on your next walk, keep an eye to the sky, you may just see the Kestrel gliding through the air or perched on a light post or telephone post. If you come across an injured American Kestrel, or any other wildlife in distress, please contact Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society wildlife hotline at 403-239-2488.



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