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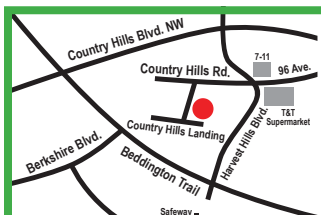


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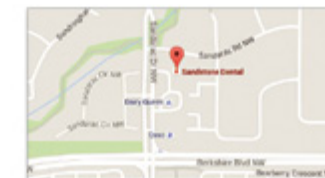
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**Thanks to the generous support of Encana, the Commission can host the community dinner and offer these awards to deserving contributors in our city.*



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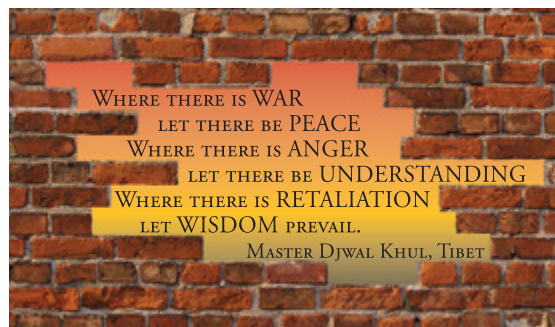
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A recent study indicates when men crave food, they tend to crave fat and salt. When women crave food, they tend to desire chocolate.

in & around your community schools Hamptons School

Hello from The Hamptons School. We will be back in school on January 5 and ready to start our next semester of learning. Some of the best learning takes place at this time of the year. The students have developed new skills and are ready to use them in different areas of the curriculum.

We try to have clubs each month for different grades of students so that everyone gets a chance to be involved in an extra-curricular activity. Chess club will begin this month for our Grade 4 students.

We will be offering Yoga in January to all of our students. Of course, we will continue with our Fitness Fridays too. There will be a special school wide presentation by Sandbox Theatre, as well as, Owl presentations for the kindergarten students and Tunisia workshops for our grade 3 students.

We will be practicing for our Concert, The Emperor's New Clothes, which is on February 24. The Grade 4 students will have the chance to be actors in the play and the rest of the classes will be on stage singing all the songs. It will be a wonderful celebration for us all.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Fire Safety

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities Building Safe Communities Program

Each year the Calgary Fire Department responds to over 1000 fires in Calgary. Here are some tips on staying safe from the Calgary Fire Department:

- Ensure your bedroom doors are closed while you are sleeping
- Ensure there are smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home
- Ensure there are at least two exits out any room where people are sleeping (ex. a window and a door)
- Prepare a home fire escape plan including a meeting place

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year Hamptons Residents,

Hello Neighbors, I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I am very hopeful that 2016 is as nice as 2015 was, and also that we see a turn around in the Alberta economy. 2015 was difficult for many families in Calgary and Alberta.

It seems the only thing I talk to people about lately is the Hamptons Golf Course "Pocket Development". As of today, I don't have anything new to report, I am sure any further information will be coming from the Hamptons Golf Course as they move forward with their plans. As always, I encourage them to engage with the community and communicate, as bad news has tendency to get worse with age. For the most current information, please feel free to visit <http://www.hamptonsgolfclub.com/future-plans-background/> and <http://quantum-place.ca>.

I am sure everyone has noticed all the signs in the neighborhood and I encourage everyone that may be interested to get all the facts. It is easy to only be concerned with what is happening on your own property and not pay attention to anything that may be affecting the community, everyone has the right to take the position that they choose. I believe in the wisdom of crowds and it is not the loudest nor the strongest that direct the future, it is citizens of our wonderful community. For the most current information, please feel free to visit <http://www.hamptonshomeowners.wordpress.com>.

Our projects for the year 2015 have ended, from maintenance projects of replacing and preventative maintenance on our patterned concrete boulevards to repairs and upkeep on the Hampton's rink have been the focus of this past year. Many thanks to Marc and Ron for all their efforts this past year. We will start planning 2016 and 2017 projects soon which will include much needed maintenance on the stucco walls in the community that are our responsibility. Unfortunately, the resources available to the Hamptons Homeowners Association are limited to the annual home owner fees, and we have to work within those constraints. I believe that this past year was the absolute best year for the flowers in the

community since we moved to the Hampton's in 2012. The City of Calgary with Vern's direction did an excellent job and I was so impressed with how wonderful our community looked from early June to the end of October. Thanks Vern.

The final event for 2015 was our annual family skate at the Hampton's rink. With it only weeks away, I hope everyone enjoyed the event. I would like to thank Carolyn for all of her efforts with our few social events throughout the year, from the community garage sale, Stampe Breakfast and the family skate. Great job Carolyn.

For those who were not able to join us at the November 16th, Hamptons Annual General Meeting (AGM), it was in my opinion a huge success. We had the largest showing of residents to any AGM in many years. We registered in excess of 240 plus Hamptons Households into the meeting. I was very happy to see such a huge supportive group of residents come out to be part of the event, and I personally got the message clear from the residents of the Hamptons that they are very concerned with the impact of any future development in our community. Thank you to the new volunteer "Directors at Large" who have agreed to join the Hamptons Board for 2016. The contributions of Bruce Davies and Theresa Roscielnuk, will add much needed strength to our board to better serve the community.

We welcome any feedback or suggestions from the community on what you would like to see on our website and Facebook. If you have pictures which you would like to share with us, we would be more than happy to accommodate. Feel free to e-mail us at hamptonshomeowners@shaw.ca.

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- Enter the roll number and access code displayed on your notice.

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

What is new **and** ancient on Nose Hill? Hint: as an offering site, one of the largest in North America, it has a spiritual connection to traditional territory and stewardship. You will find it off pathways south of the 14th Street parking lot, in the south east corner of the park. You can read more on the City Blog or the Royal Alberta Museum website.

Answer: as of September there is a traditional medicine wheel of rocks in the shape of a circle (Siksikaitapi logo) of all four tribes: Siksika, Blood, North and South Peigan. It represents the north, south, east, and west, a spiritual location. Each wheel is unique but there are eight general types.

This landmark project was part of the annual Siksikaitapi Blackfoot Confederacy conference. Diamond-shaped stones were used for construction. They are considered rock art sites which deserve respect. The Native Heritage Site is a sacred place. The wheel provides for physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual dimensions.


Because of a view of the valley, Nose Hill was a lookout used for other tribes and game during the summer and winter. Celestial or astronomical events (such as vision quests, stars, sunrises, solstices, and sun dances) are ceremonial in nature for large social groups.

Such wheels date back 1000s of years and across the northern plains of North America (most are in Alberta)

from 4500 - 5000 before the present (BP). Suitable offerings go in a rock cairn at the centre, with spokes from the centre; “four” is a sacred number, whether for directions, seasons, elements, life states; kingdoms, medicines, such as sweetgrass, cedar, willow, and sage.

Whether you walk or bike (in a clockwise direction) remember the wheel is for everybody to enjoy, to count our blessings, for the circle of life; offerings such as prayers, songs, ribbons, flowers (no plastic). Remember the intention is to be thankful.

The BiodiverCity Advisory Committee is comprised of 13 members appointed by City Council. City Parks will be a resource. Chair and Vice-Chair are nominated and elected. Citizen members must abide by the Code of Conduct. The Committee may establish subcommittees for priority short, medium, and long-term biodiversity initiatives. Meetings are open to the public. (For details 403-268-3527 or: Steven.Snell@calgary.ca). The Committee generally meets monthly, reports to the SPC on Community and Protective Services, and will provide an annual progress report.



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What Makes Girl Guides so fun – from the viewpoint of a leader

So what makes being a Girl Guide leader so fun, and why I have been a leader for 12 years now? That's a very good question. I started out as a brand new leader when my daughter was in Sparks. She joined at the start of Grade 1. In order to register her with a unit in our neighbourhood, I was fed the line (true info though, there was no room for her in any unit) that I would have to become a Spark leader.

I signed on the dotted line. One other mom became a leader with me (ironically her daughter's name was Sarah as well). Fortunately for me, she was also a Kindergarten teacher and I think that's what saved me that first year. She was my mentor and took care of most of the meeting plans that year. I did come up with a few interesting ones – a tour of the WestJet hangar and a night based on the book by Robert Munsch, "Angela's Airplane". The girls had a hoot pretending to be pilots and flight attendants, we used belts as seatbelts on our 'airplane', they all brought carry-on luggage and stowed it under the seat in front of them, even had real in-flight snacks (donated by WestJet). But I digress.

What has kept me going over the 12 years I've been with Girl Guides? It's that it was never boring, things never stayed the same. As a leader, I have changed from being the type of leader who has to do most of the planning and preparation, to one where I'm now simply an adviser to the girls. They do all of the planning and preparation themselves, I'm just there to make sure their activities are safe and follow the spirit of the Girl Guide program.

The Girl Guide program allows the girls to do so many different things.

- they learn how to be a polite yet assertive salesperson, how to step outside their comfort zone and ask a stranger in a store, "Would you like to buy a box of Girl Guide cookies?". That's no easy feat.
- they also go camping, which in this day and age, is rare. It allows them to learn how to do chores, to create and keep their own space in their tent, their own menus and meals. It also enables them to experience nature, which is something we sometimes miss living in a big city like Calgary
- girls can also do things that most other youth their age don't get to do - venture out into a canoe for the first

time, or go dogsledding, or snowshoeing, learn how to build a catapult, how they could become an engineer. The possibilities are endless.

Also, what has kept me going is to see the growth and changes in the girls. No, not just the fact they're *physically* growing up, but the fact their personalities and levels of independence have changed. For example, one of the girls who started with me as a Brownie (about 7 years old) was one of the most scatterbrained little girls I had ever met. When we went to camp, she would lose her mittens, her socks, her toothbrush, her stuffy, her PJs. It took her two hours just to get up and ready for the day at camp. But by the time she hit Guides (so about 11-12 years old), she was the first one out of the tent, the best organized camper and always ready to help. The change was amazing.

Now since I'm currently a leader in a unit with girls who do most of the preparation and planning, it leaves me with a bit more time on my hands. So a couple of years ago, I joined the Calgary Area program committee. This has allowed me to help plan Calgary-wide Girl Guide events such as the recent STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) day at the University of Calgary. I've also helped out at Nite Trek (hiking a trail with challenges along the way, at night, in the dark), canoeing at Camp Westover, CampQuest (where young girls learn essential camping skills) and a couple of events in Lake Louise, including hiking, geocaching and staying at the local youth hostel.

At the beginning of all of this, I signed up just to be my daughter's Girl Guide leader, and we have spent many hours together, being together almost every Monday evening throughout the years. Not only has she grown as a person in Girl Guides, so have I. It has become so much more than just being her Girl Guide leader. I would do it all again in a heartbeat. And I would encourage you to do the same – become a Girl Guide leader, or a Scout leader. There are many active groups in our area. You just have to make that decision to **just do it** and jump right in! They are always looking for more volunteers: www.calgarygirlguides.com.

(PS: I wasn't even a Girl Guide myself when I was younger, so I had a lot to learn!)

Karla W

YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

• February 1 to 29 - YYC Hot Chocolate Fest:

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• February 12 – Calgary Hitmen & Red Deer Rebels

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• February 12 to 14 - Block Heater: A Winter Music Extravaganza: There's a new music festival in Calgary over the Family Day long weekend. More than 20 artists perform at three Inglewood venues over three days. www.calgaryfolkfest.com

• February 12 to April 17 - Suite Surrender: Mistaken identities, overblown egos, double-entendres, and a lap dog named Mr. Boodles round out this hilarious riot of a love note to classic farce. www.stagewestcalgary.com

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• February 26 - Calgary Hitmen vs Royals at the Saddledome 7:00 pm. www.hitmenhockey.com

• February 27 – Calgary Flames & Ottawa Senators

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Pet Safety—Keep Your Pets Indoors This Winter

Humans are not the only ones who need to keep warm during the winter months. Your pets do too. Although they might be covered in fur, your pet can still fall ill during the colder months or even get frostbite when temperatures drop below freezing. But have no fear, here are a few tips on how to keep your pet warm this winter.

Keep your pet indoors. This is the number one way to keep your pets safe and warm in the winter. For dogs, take shorter walks when the weather is severely cold. A good rule of thumb is to go out with them and when you're ready to come in, chances are your dog is too. If your dog must stay outside, make sure she has proper shelter and a source of fresh water at all times, and make sure her water cannot freeze.

It's important to remember that cold cars can pose a significant risk to your pet's health. Leaving your cat or dog in the car is just as dangerous in winter as in the summer. Limit car travel to only that which is necessary, and don't leave your pet unattended in the vehicle.

If you lose your pet during the winter months, do not delay. Call 3-1-1 to see if Animal Services has picked up your pet. If not, file a lost pet report with Animal Services.

For more information about pet safety please call 3-1-1 or you can visit us on our Facebook page or on Twitter @yyccbylaws.

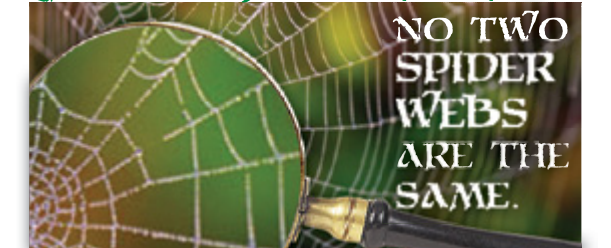
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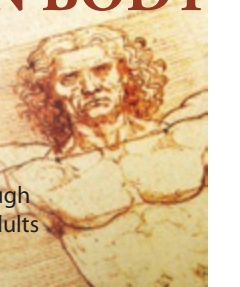


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**MLA CALGARY-FOOTHILLS
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2015 has been a tough year for Albertans – every one of us has felt it with job losses in our own family or through our neighbours and friends. We need to keep a positive attitude to see the light at the end of the tunnel so that we can get through this together. Please be kind to those around you, knowing that almost everyone is suffering in one way or another.

On November 23, we lost our Legislature colleague MLA Manmeet Singh Bhullar. He was killed while helping a fellow motorist in distress on the snowy QEII highway near Blackfaulds. Manmeet was taken much too soon, but he leaves a legacy of impressive work in the ministries he ran and the people that he helped. We will all miss his good humour and friendly manner. So long my friend.

As always, please contact our office with any of your concerns or issues. Enjoy the rest of your holidays. My family, staff and I wish you all a happy 2016!

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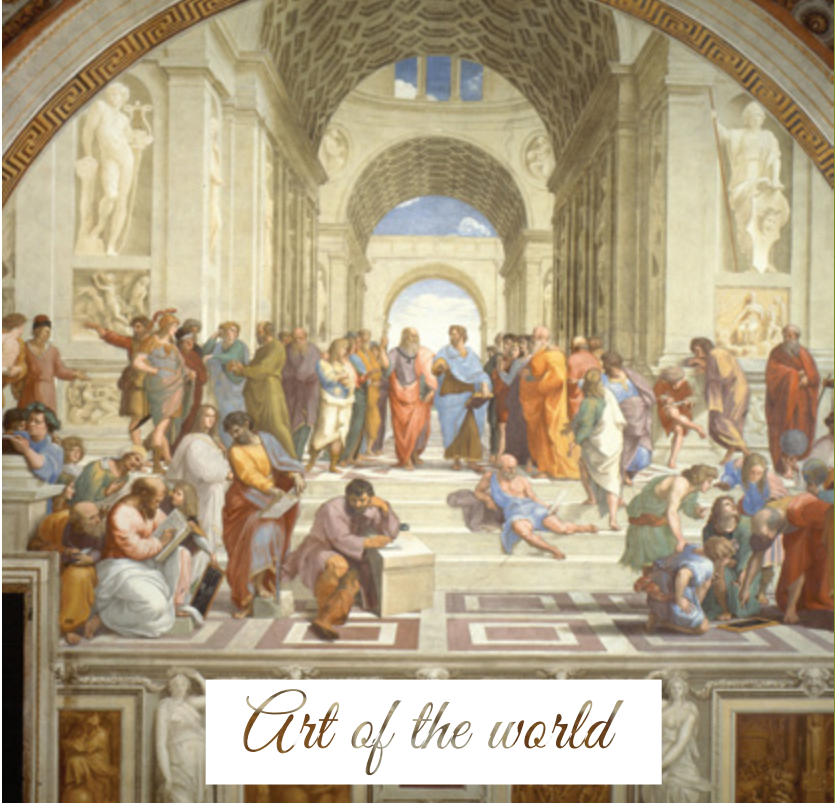
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I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Every New Year, many of us make resolutions for better health, more exercise, or being kinder to others around us. However, statistics show that less than 10% of us actually keep our New Year's resolution. If you are part of the majority that have already broken your New Year's resolution, you can make up for it by being a "Snow Angel". The act of shovelling a neighbour's sidewalk or driveway is a simple way to help out a neighbour which will also help make local pathways safe for everyone. To learn more about the "Snow Angel" program or to find out information about recognizing a Snow Angel, visit calgary.ca/snowangels.

I would also like to address the issue of Uber. Many Calgarians have been advocating for allowing Uber into the Calgary market to provide for more choice for consumers. I agree with these sentiments as I believe we need to encourage more choice for consumers and competition amongst Transportation Network Companies (TNCs). That is why I support a new framework for TNCs. This new framework will allow TNCs like Uber to operate legally in Calgary if drivers have appropriate vehicle insurance, meet specified training, security and licensing requirements. It will also require drivers to be licensed, have police background checks, undergo vehicle safety inspections and only provide services through the use of a Smartphone application. City Council has asked for a new bylaw to be developed and brought back to Council by February 22, 2016. This time-frame allows for The City to work through the details of the new bylaw with stakeholders including Uber. While it is important that we have more choice and competition amongst TNCs, it is also important that the new bylaws are developed correctly so that they provide adequate safety and security for both drivers and passengers of TNCs.

As always, if you have any snow removal challenges in your neighbourhood, or any other civic issue please do not hesitate to contact me or call 311.

Joel Tip: When you're shovelling snow, don't create huge piles right along the edge of your driveway or sidewalk. These snow piles will end up falling or blowing back into your driveway, meaning you will have to remove them twice. You will save time in the long run by taking the effort to shovel the snow further away from your driveway or sidewalk making it safer for you and your neighbours.



Art of the world

School of Athens, c. 1510

By: Raphael Raffaello Sanzio, or Raphael, was born on April 6, 1483 in the town of Urbino, Italy. He was a painter and architect during the High Renaissance period.

School of Athens refers to a famous fresco painted by Raphael in the Apostolic Palace in Vatican City. Depicts Raphael's interpretation of philosophy as a branch of knowledge. Showing a gathering of Greek philosophers engaged in various activities, the fresco is considered a prime example of High Renaissance art and considered Raphael's masterpiece.



*Interesting
ARCHITECTURE*

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, architect José R. Marchand and interior designer Jorge Rosselló restored and updated historic **La Concha hotel**. Colorful bridges connect the shell-shaped restaurant, originally designed by Osvaldo Toro, to the hotel.

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CALGARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Book Truck

Calgary Public Library is adding two brand new mobile libraries to its list of 18 community libraries. The Book Trucks will make stops in communities throughout Calgary, starting January 2016. Each Book Truck will feature 1,800 books and movies for children, teens, and adults. All you need is a FREE Calgary Public Library card (you can even sign up for one on The Book Truck)! To view The Book Truck schedule, visit www.calgarylibrary.ca/booktruck.

Laptops on loan!

Did you know that the Library loans laptops? All community libraries are equipped with computers for public use, and soon all locations will also offer Chromebook Laptops for internet browsing from any seat in the building. Check with your community library for details.

Book Club in a Bag!

Everything you ever needed to host a fascinating book club can be found in the Library's Book Club in a Bag. The Calgary Public Library has just added over 55 new titles to our Book Club in a Bag collection, with a great book club read available for every reading interest! Each book club set has 10 copies, as well as discussion guides, book reviews, and more. Ask for details at your community library.

50@150

In anticipation of Canada's 150th birthday in 2017, Calgary Public Library is hosting 50@150—an exhibit by artists Alex Park and Paul Scott Birnie that celebrates prominent and diverse Canadians. From January 11-23, 2016, be sure to visit Central, Fish Creek, Crowfoot, and Saddletowne libraries.

Chess in the Library

Join members of the Calgary Chess Club and Calgary Junior Chess Club for the opportunity to play chess supported by coaching. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Chess clubs happen Saturdays at Shawnessy Library and Sundays at Country Hills, Crowfoot, and Central libraries. Check dates and times at www.events.calgarypubliclibrary.com or call 403-260-2620. You can also drop by for a pickup game of chess using giant pieces on a giant board at Bowness, Central, Country Hills, Fish Creek, and Forest Lawn libraries.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

EMS: Sledding Safety

Alberta Health Services, EMS, would like to remind parents and children of some basic sledding safety tips as the winter season continues. Sledding injuries can result from collisions with stationary objects, such as trees and rocks, or with other people on the hill. Unprotected falls can result in injury if you lose control at high speeds. Everyone is at risk – especially children. Have a fun and safe trip on the toboggan hill by following these simple reminders.

Equipment

- Ensure your sled is in good condition. Do not use sleds with broken parts, sharp edges, or splits in the material.
- Currently, there are no helmets designed specifically for sledding. However children should wear a properly fitted helmet designed for high impact collisions, such as hockey, cycling, or climbing helmets.

Hazards

- Avoid hills that are too steep, or too icy – you can lose control very quickly.
- Choose hills free of obstacles such as trees, rocks, utility poles, or fences.
- Be mindful of clothing that contains drawstrings, or loose clothing, such as scarves, which can present a choking hazard if they become caught or snagged.

Plan ahead

- Dress warmly in layers and anticipate weather changes.
- Consider bringing extra sets of gloves and toques to exchange wet garments for dry ones.
- Take breaks to warm up out of the cold.
- Ensure frostbite hasn't affected any exposed skin.
- Even when properly protected from the elements, the finger tips, toes, ears, the tip of the nose, and other high points on the face such as the forehead and cheek bones can be affected by frostbite.
- If frost bite has occurred, treat it by first removing the individual out of the cold environment. Gently warm the affected skin by placing a warm hand over it or by placing the affected part in warm water (not hot; ~41°C max.) until re-warmed.

in & around your community

Give new life to your Christmas tree

You can turn your real Christmas tree into useful mulch instead of waste through The City's Christmas Tree Recycling program. Trees are collected from homes that receive residential garbage collection. Place your tree on the ground near your black cart collection spot **by 7 a.m. on Friday, January 8**. Make sure the tree is not blocking the street, lane or sidewalk and is at least one foot (30 centimetres) away from your carts. Please **leave your tree out** and it will be picked up by the end of January.

If you live in an apartment or condo, tree drop-off locations are open from December 26 to January 31:

- Bowness Fire Station #15 – 6328 35th Ave. N.W.
- Spyhill Landfill – 69th Street and 112th Avenue N.W.*
- Prairie Winds Park – 223 Castleridge Blvd. N.E.
- Bottomlands Park – St. George's Drive and Seventh Avenue N.E.
- Marda Loop Communities Association – 3130 16th St. S.W.
- Parks Compound – 10312 Sacramento Dr. S.W.
- East Calgary Landfill – 17th Avenue and 68th Street S.E.*
- Shepard Landfill – 114th Avenue and 68th Street S.E.*

*Landfill locations are closed Sundays.

To prepare your real tree for recycling, remove the tree stand and any ornaments and lights. Do not bag or tie your tree.

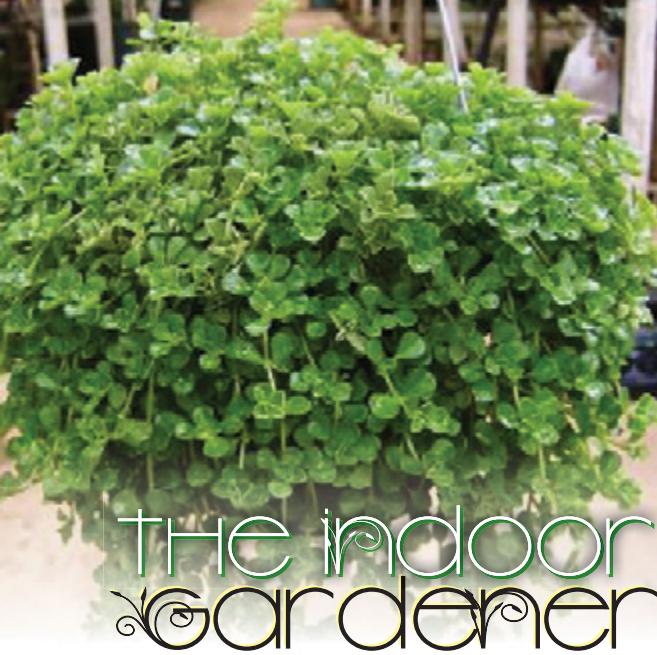
The mulch from recycled Christmas trees is available to residents at no cost at the East Calgary landfill, while quantities last.

For more information, visit calgary.ca/christmastree.

JANUARY MOON CALENDAR



Last Quarter Jan 1	New Moon Jan 9	First Quarter Jan 16	Full Moon Jan 23
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THE indoor Gardener

by Cindy deJager

SOLEIROLIA HELXINE (Baby's Tears)

A Baby's Tear Plant is a delicate looking house plant that resembles a mat or carpet of tiny green leaves as it spreads over the sides of its pot. Baby's Tears plants, which originally came from Corsica and Sardinia, have tiny round or bean-shaped leaves that grow on thin fragile stems. Baby's Tear houseplants can be used as table plants or small hanging plants.

My mother had this plant under a table lamp when I was a child, and I can still remember being irresistibly attracted to the tiny, fat leaves. I just bought myself a plant recently – you don't see them very often in the stores and I'm not quite sure why.

To be really successful with this plant it requires bright indirect light and only enough water to moisten the soil. Mist this little plant often because it needs more humidity than we have here in Calgary.

Soil:

I have read that it gets tiny white flowers in the spring but I have never seen one in bloom.

The Baby's Tear is a non-poisonous houseplant.

in & around your community

Crowchild Trail Study

Let's continue the conversation in 2016!

Thank you, Calgarians! Throughout November 2015, we heard you share hundreds of ideas on possible changes to Crowchild Trail at workshops, drop-in sessions, idea boards, and online.

In February and March, attend a drop-in session to see how ideas from Calgarians are being used to develop preliminary concepts. You will be able to see what commonly-heard ideas look like when applied to the Crowchild Trail corridor, and help evaluate how the benefits, impacts, constraints and trade-offs align with the direction of the study. We want to continue the conversation with you.

The City of Calgary is conducting this transportation study to identify short-, medium- and long-term upgrades for Crowchild Trail between 24 Ave. N.W. and 17 Ave. S.W.

For specific event dates, times, and locations, or to learn more about the study, visit calgary.ca/crowchild or call 311.



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Ask an Expert



Sheri MacMillan,
Senior Trust & Estate Practitioner,
CEO of MacMillan Estate Planning Corp.
and Host of The Strongroom on QR77

Q I am quite concerned that these large tax hikes in Alberta are coinciding with a federal increase, resulting in almost a 10% increase! How is this going to affect the residents of Alberta?

A These changes will likely have an impact on every taxpayer in one way or another, however, the largest impact is likely to be felt by earning income in the top tax bracket. These taxpayers will should seek the advice of a tax professional to explore opportunities to minimize tax and maximize the potential for their estates to support them in retirement.

In addition, individuals already in or approaching retirement will need to ensure their retirement plans accommodate the change in tax legislation to maximize the funds they have available for living expenses and to fund other retirement goals and bequests.

While business owners will also face similar concerns with a properly formulated tax strategy there may be opportunities to save taxes both personally and corporately.

While many Albertans are off to a great start by utilizing the basic tax strategies offered by the Federal government, including RRSPs and TFSA's, there are more advanced opportunities for saving additional taxes that can be explored.

A tax professional should be consulted to either review your current strategy or advise on formulating a new one.

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