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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
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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
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Calgary Kerby Elder Abuse Line	403-705-3250
Alberta One-Call Corporation	1-800-242-3447
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by Cindy DeJager

# Peace Lily (Spathiphyllum wallisii)

Peace Lilies are native to the South American rain forests where they grow on the forest floor. The soil is rich in peat moss and humus, providing the plant with decayed organic material, bark, and aeration for the roots.

The rain forests are warm and humid, and being on the forest floor under the cover of the tall trees provides shade from the hot sun; this is the perfect growing environment for Spathiphyllum.

So, what is the perfect growing environment for a Peace Lily in your home?

Simulate the natural environment of the forest floor where the sunlight is indirect and dappled; a north or western exposure is the best. Keep your lily about 6 – 8 feet away from the window; this allows for consistent light levels; maintain temperatures 65 – 80 degrees Fahrenheit and avoid cold drafts. Misting your lily often provides humidity and keeps the leaves clean and glossy allowing for better photosynthesis. Rich potting soil with humus or peat moss, such as an orchid type of soil will allow for drainage and the necessary aeration for the roots. Avoid potting mixtures that contain soil as they will be too heavy and may contain fungus or pests, and may also contain fertilizer, which the Peace Lily needs very little of.

Even when we provide all the necessary requirements for our lily, we may still see some symptoms of problems. The most common symptom is brown leaf tips. This could indicate that your Peace Lily has too much light or too much fertilizer.

A droopy Peace Lily is wilted, usually from a lack of water, but will recover quite quickly. Be sure to water your lily until the excess water runs out the bottom of the pot. A Peace Lily that droops often (more than once a week) may mean that it needs to be re-potted.





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# MESSAGE FROM THE HAMPTONS HOME **OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

### **Hamptons Homeowners Fees - Due June 15**

Thank you to all the residents that pay their fees and do so every year, on time. Each year we send out reminder notices in May to give people enough time to send in payment by June 15. We encourage residents to pay by Direct Bill Payment if possible. When adding a payee look for Hamptons Homeowners Assoc at Scotia Bank, Hampton's Home Owners Association at BMO, Hamptons Homeowners Association at RBC and Hampton's Home Owners Assoc. at CIBC. You will need your account number to pay your invoice, it can be found in the middle of your invoice. We also accept cheques and post dated cheques. If you are paying by cheque please include your account number at the bottom of your cheque. Please save paper and do not send us a copy of your invoice. You can drop off your cheque at the UPS store, where we have our mailbox or you can mail it to: HHOA 234, 5149 Country Hills Blvd. NW, Box 120 Calgary, ABT3A 5K8.

We do not accept credit card payments.

If you have not received your reminder by the end of May please contact the office at 403-208-0205 or email hamptonshomeowners@shaw.ca.

Anna Jarvis, the creator of Mother's Day wanted "Mother's" to be spelled "singular possesive, for each family to honor its own mother, not a plural possessive commemorating all mothers in the world."



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# **IN & AROUND** CALGARY

# **EMS**

### National Paramedic Services Week is May 28 - June 3, 2017

National Paramedic Services Week honors the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) profession and recognizes the men and women providing this key public service. It is also an opportunity for the public to better understand the important role EMS has within both the health care system and our communities.

The year's national theme is, Paramedics: Always In Ser-

Whether directly or indirectly, every Albertan has felt the importance of the service paramedics provide. Paramedics are trained health care professionals who stabilize and treat patents before and during transport to hospital. In some areas of the province, paramedics are now working side-by-side their health care colleagues in hospitals and community care facilities.

- There are over 4,000 EMS practitioners and 550 ambulances in the Alberta Health Services system provincewide:
- Approximately 5,500 patients will be transferred by fixed wing aircraft through contracted air ambulance providers in Alberta this year:
- EMS dispatch receives over 500,000 ground ambulance calls each year.

EMS practitioners across the Alberta and Canada will be celebrating National Paramedic Services Week in a variety of ways. Watch for information in your local media as well as AHS EMS Twitter and Facebook about events in your community.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million Albertans and it's more than 661,848 square kilometers. Its mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans.





# **Community Designated Schools**

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Hamptons Elementary	403-777-7300
Captain John Palliser Elementary	403-777-6170
Tom Baines Junior High	403-777-7190
Sir Winston Churchill Senior High	403-289-9241
St. Dominic Fine Arts	403-500-2058
St. Jean Brebeuf Junior High	403-500-2046
St. Francis Senior High	403-500-2026
St. Luke Elementary (FR)	403-500-2039
Madeleine d'Houet Junior High (FR)	403-500-2008
École Terre des Jeunes (Fr)	403-247-2458
Ste-Marguerite-Bourgeoys (s)(Fr)	403-240-2007
École de la Rose sauvage (Fr)	403-230-3112





# **DO YOU HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT AN ILLEGAL SUITE IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?**

If you do, please access the complaint process by contacting 311 and supplying the address of the suspected illegal suite. As part of this process you will need to provide your name, address, phone number # and a password so only you can have access to the complaint file. A file number will be provided for any required follow-up.

Within 5 days a bylaw officer will contact you, usually by phone, to verify he/she has the complaint and will be investigating it. The investigation requires the bylaw officer to inspect the interior of the suspected illegal secondary suite home to determine if an actual illegal suite exists. Usually that is a 30 day or more process but the bylaw officer will get back to you, usually again by phone, to let you know the result.

If you have filed a complaint, you may wish to advise the Hamptons Community Association (hamptonshomeowners@shaw.ca) and Councillor Joe Magliocca in the event you may require their assistance.





# **Calgary Immigrant Educational Society**

It should come as no surprise that immigrants and refugees arriving in Calgary face numerous challenges to settlement. While newcomers routinely say that learning English is the biggest hurdle to their family's integration into Canada, a close second is finding employment -90% of Calgary's newcomer population is under the age of 44, which represents a tremendous future workforce for the city. They are also educated - at least 38% have a Bachelor's degree or higher, compared to just 34.8% of established Calgarians. And while their immigration status doesn't mean that they are any less qualified, newcomers often come up against barriers to employment in Canada.

Former professionals, such as engineers and accountants, often require years of additional schooling to obtain accreditation in Canada. Those that don't have professional qualifications often face even greater challenges as they learn to integrate with Canadian work culture – Canadian work experience is often a prerequisite for employment in Canada, but employment is required to obtain that same work experience. To address these challenges, CIES offers a series of employment training programs designed to bring newcomers into the workplace faster, including industry-specific courses in accounting, clerical, and computer skills. We also offer programs that build on existing skill sets and prepare clients to succeed in business.

The first of these programs is Employment Skills Training. This free, full-time program equips unemployed permanent residents and refugees with the skills to secure employment in Canada. Over three months, attendees learn how to make a career plan, build an effective cover letter and resume, learn how to navigate Canadian business culture, and develop their interview preparation skills. Up to 88% of graduates will go on to find employment in industries such as healthcare, childminding, education and trades.

The second program we offer is Entrepreneurship Development Training. This innovative new program encourages and removes the barriers to entrepreneurial

success for immigrants and low-income Calgarians. Through a series of workshops, clients receive financial literacy in the Canadian banking system, including credit, savings products, and home ownership. Building on this foundation, students learn the principles of successful entrepreneurship, including business selection, plan writing, risk management, human resources issues, and taxation. The program completed its first intake of students in March; they will graduate in June.

It is in our best interests as Canadians to provide newcomers with the support they need to successfully settle and begin to provide for their own families in Canada. Settlement agencies across the country are continually tailoring their programs to offer newcomers the education and social skills they need to achieve independence for their families. As a Canadian citizen, take some time to reflect on the sacrifices made by your own family as they emigrated to Canada, and then ask yourself how you can help others do the same.

The Calgary Immigrant Educational Society (CIES) provides immigrants and low income Canadians with various levels of language, employment, computer, and settlement programs. They assist over 1400 students a day, 7 days per week, in-class and online.





I hired a real estate professional to sell my home. The seller representation agreement (listing agreement) I signed is for four months. It's only been two months, but I want to terminate the agreement, can !?

The short answer is yes, but it can be complicated.

The agreement you signed is a legal contract between you and a real estate brokerage to sell your home. It contains a start date and an end date, as well as provisions for ending the agreement early. If you and your real estate professional agree in writing to end the agreement before the end date, the agreement immediately ends.

If you change your mind about selling your home and your real estate professional agrees to end the agreement early, you may be responsible for reimbursing your real estate professional for reasonable expenses they incurred while your property was for sale. Those potential expenses need to be listed on the agreement when you sign it; your real estate professional can't add them after the fact. These expenses may include, but aren't limited to, reimbursement of advertising, measurement, or photography costs.

But, what happens when you want to end your agreement early and your real estate professional doesn't agree?

If you want to end your agreement early because you want to work with a different real estate brokerage, there could be consequences. For example, if you begin working with another real estate brokerage, and your property sells, your first real estate brokerage could make a claim that commissions are payable to them since the brokerage didn't agree to release you from the obligations of your agreement. You could find yourself owing commission to two brokerages.

Think carefully about why you want to end your agreement early. If it's because you genuinely changed your mind about selling, perhaps your employment situation changed, be open and upfront with your real estate professional. You won't be the first seller who has a change of heart or financial circumstances, but your real estate brokerage is under no requirement to release you from your agreement.

Another possibility is that your real estate professional may agree to a conditional termination of your agreement. Conditional terminations typically require the seller to agree in writing that they won't re-list their property for sale with another real estate brokerage before the end of their original agreement.

If you want to end your agreement early because you and your real estate professional are not working well together or you have concerns about their performance, RECA encourages you to speak to their broker.

"Ask Charles" is a monthly question and answer column by Charles Stevenson, Director of Professional Standards with the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA), www.reca. ca. RECA is the independent, non-government agency responsible for the regulation of Alberta's real estate industry. We license, govern, and set the standards of practice for all real estate, mortgage brokerage, and real estate appraisal professionals in Alberta. To submit a question, email askcharles@reca.ca.

# IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

# **Hamptons School**

Hello from The Hamptons School!

With two months remaining in the school year, there is still much to do here at the school. The Grade 4 students will learn about Light and Shadow with a presentation by Teacher's Pet. On May 26, the Grade 4 students will perform their French plays for their parents. The Kindergarten students are also having a program called Butterflies and Wishes. For the whole school, we have a group called Three Left Feet performing. This is a very energetic group that the students enjoy very much. We also have tennis lessons for all students taking place at The Hamptons' courts.

We will welcome new Kindergarten parents at an orientation night in May. In addition, The Hamptons School will host a volunteer celebration for all parents to thank them for supporting our students. The theme of the celebration is "Volunteers Make our School Blossom" and it will be a wonderful event. We appreciate all support from all parents because, by working together, our school is stronger. The school is such an important part of The Hamptons community and we are very proud to serve this community.





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# Blue Cart Recycling Tip of the Month

Say no to Stringy Things!

Hoses, electrical cords and rope, oh my! Because they get caught in the machines at the recycling facility, keep stringy things out of your blue cart.

# If it dangles, it will cause a tangle! Please do not put these items in your blue cart.

- No garden hoses
- No rope, string or yarn
- No electrical cords, cables or wire
- No Christmas tree lights

#### What should I do with these items instead?

- If the item is still usable, consider donating to charity, giving to family or friends or posting on an online bartering site like Kijiji.
- If the item is broken, it should go in your black cart as garbage.
- Still not sure what to do with your stringy item? Use the online search tool at calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere to find the answers.

#### **Green Cart service is coming to your home**

As the Green Cart program rolls out this year, you'll see how a small change to your routine can cut your garbage in half and turn your food and yard material into valuable nutrient-rich compost. Here's what homeowners can expect from the program.

# You'll receive everything you need to get started

When your green cart arrives look inside to find:

- Kitchen pail and samples of compostable bags to collect food scraps
- Samples of paper yard waste bags to use when your cart is full
- Instruction guide
- Collection schedule

#### You'll be amazed at how much can go in

All food and yard waste can go in the green cart. You

can even put in things that you can't compost at home like meat, bones, cheese, bread, pasta, branches and pet waste too.

These materials can be safely composted because the material reaches and maintains a temperature of at least 55 degrees Celsius during the composting process, which kills any harmful bacteria.

### Green carts will be rolled out by quadrant

Once everyone in your quadrant receives their carts, weekly green cart pick up will begin and garbage collection will move to once every two weeks.

Once the community rollout schedule is finalized it will be available on calgary.ca/greencart.

### Live in an apartment or condo?

By Nov. 1, 2017 your building is required to separate food and yard waste from the garbage for composting or diversion. Talk to your building owner or manager or visitcalgary.ca/multifamily.



Name	Age	Contact	Course
Alexandra	21	403-208-2712	Yes
Rachel	16	587-586-2756	Yes

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# **JUNE 3 – 4** CALGARY UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL -ACADIA RECREATION COMPLEX

This festival celebrates our vibrant Ukrainian heritage, rich Ukrainian culture and cuisine, shop until you drop in the vendor market place, and ioin us for our Zabava and dance the evening away to live Ukrainian music. More info at calgarvukrainianfestival.ca.



## **JUNE 18** RAD DAD DAY - CALAWAY PARK

What better way to celebrate all things dad than treats and rides and games? It's Rad Dad Day at Calaway Park! Bring your father or grandfather to celebrate how great he is! The best part is dads and granddads get free amssion when accompanied by a child. Open 10 am to 7 pm More info at calawaypark.



# YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS

### Marda Loop Farmers' Market - 3130, 16 Street SW, June 3 - Oct. 7

Call for 2017 Farmers' Market vendors, food trucks and buskers! The Marda Loop outdoor Farmer's Market is growing this year, showcasing local makers, bakers and growers along with live music, kids' zone, cool activities for the whole family including monthly special events! More info for all vendors (and great stall rates starting at \$30/day) at mardaloop.com/ farmers-market/farmers-market.

### Suncor Stage One Festival of New York -Lunchbox Theatre, June 9 - 24

Next June marks the 30th anniversary of Stage One. For 30 years Lunchbox Theatre has been dedicated to the creation, development and production of new Canadian one-act plays, many of which have gone on to great acclaim after their premiere on our stage. Celebrate 30 years of playwriting history in our city with Lunchbox. Free admission. More info at lunchboxtheatre.com/suncor-stage-one-festival.

## Vintage with Flair - Bragg Creek Community Centre, June 16 – 17 at 4 p.m.

A country garden party in the woods; a gathering of Alberta artisans, designers, makers and curators of vintage inspired to rustic farmhouse fresh designs. Including unique, artisaninspired art and stained glass, hand-designed jewelry with a story, rustic home decor, maker-made ceramics, curated vintage home and garden decor, repurposed shabby and chic finds and up-cycled and cool clothing. Join us for a garden party in the country.

### Sled Island Festival – various venues, June 21 -25

Sled Island's thoughtful, eclectic programming and independent spirit have fused with Calgary's youthful energy to produce a one-of-a-kind festival experience. Each June, the five-day music and arts festival brings together a community of over 250 bands, comedians, filmmakers and artists, as well as over 30,000 attendees in more than 35 venues, transforming the city into an arts lover's paradise that has earned rave reviews from artists, fans and media from across the globe. More info at sledisland.com.

# The Glenn Miller Orchestra - Jack Singer Concert Hall, June 29 at 7 p.m.

The world famous Glenn Miller Orchestra brings timeless classics like In the Mood, Moonlight Serenade, Chattanooga Choo Choo, Pennsylvania 6-5000, String of Pearls and Tuxedo Junction back to the stage. Even 50 years after founding his famous orchestra Glenn Miller's music is alive and well. More info at artscommons.ca.



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On March 22nd, the federal government released its budget for 2017.

Many of you have contacted me expressing concern over the level of federal spending, the deficit, and the lack of a plan to return to balanced budgets in the foreseeable future. Unfortunately, the latest federal budget does not do anything to alleviate your concerns. In fact, the projected deficit for 2017 is \$23 billion and, at this current rate of spending, the budget will not be balanced until 2050.

Statistics released from the Parliamentary Budget Officer's (PBO) 2016 Labour Market Assessment show that despite the massive deficit spending the federal government has undertaken, between Q3 2015 and Q3 2016 there were no net full time jobs created. For those of you who are unware of the role of the PBO, they provide non-partisan, independent, and arms-length fiscal and economic analysis of government activity.

Of further concern is the fact that the government's own Gross Domestic Product projections continue to decline despite the increased deficit spending. Canadians are right to be questioning the logic of huge deficits, with no end in sight, which are not creating jobs and are not increasing Canada's competitiveness economically or creating future growth. This is not to mention the scraping of tax credits, including the public transit tax credit, and delays for investments in critical job training programs, infrastructure, defence, and child care.

I will continue to fight for the interests of Alberta families, workers and seniors who are being impacted by this economic downturn.

I recently sponsored petition e-983 which is currently open for signature. The petition is in response to the government's discussion paper regarding changes to the way the House of Commons operates. These proposed changes would eliminate Friday sittings in Parliament, set permanent limits to debate in the House of Commons and committees, and only require the Prime Minister to attend Question Period once per week.

I believe these proposed changes are not in the best interest of Canadians. If you agree I would ask you to visit my website, www.MichelleRempel.ca and sign the petition today.

As a reminder, I am hosting a Career Services event on May 13. For more information, and to RSVP, please visit www.MichelleRempel.ca.

As always, if you have comments or questions on any issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.



### Walk150: Make Calgary feel like home, one step at a time!

Walk through Calgary neighbourhoods with Lori Beattie, author of Calgary's Best Walks, and discover new and familiar places with multilingual guides available. Various Library Locations & Dates to Accommodate Your Schedule

Walk150 takes place in May & June

# **Book Discussion Groups**

May Theme: Great Canadians!

Travel the world of ideas while talking about your favourite Canadian author or book that made you love Canada just a little bit more. Bring your book to a lively, facilitated discussion. No registration required. Various Library Locations & Dates to Accommodate Your Schedule

#### Bill's Book Café with Julie Van Rosendaal

Join Library CEO Bill Ptacek & local cookbook author Julie Van Rosendaal on a rich culinary journey as they talk about Feast: Recipes and Stories from a Canadian Road Trip.

Alexander Calhoun Library May 12 | 7 pm

### Sage Hill Library

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# Hamptons Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Hamptons MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price		
March 2017	\$662,450	\$646,250		
February 2017	\$724,900	\$698,000		
January 2017	\$568,000	\$538,800		
December 2016	\$569,800	\$552,500		
November 2016	\$727,450	\$705,000		
October 2016	\$829,000	\$796,000		
September 2016	\$778,800	\$767,500		
August 2016	\$695,000	\$680,000		
July 2016	\$748,444	\$723,000		
June 2016	\$644,900	\$630,000		
May 2016	\$809,900	\$818,690		
April 2016	\$709,900	\$707,700		

# Last 12 Months Hamptons MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
March 2017 12		2
February 2017	3	5
January 2017	3	3
December 2016	2	3
November 2016	8	4
October 2016	4	7
September 2016	12	9
August 2016	7	5
July 2016	11	6
June 2016	8	8
May 2016	10	12
April 2016	13	11

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



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I've received overwhelmingly positive feedback from you and many other Albertans about my Private Members Motion 505. Timely construction of pipelines is the means to secure energy independence, economic prosperity, good paying jobs, and the rejection of dictator oil!

As businesses in Alberta are struggling, and the size of our government keeps getting bigger, our government has decided that now is the time to review our labour laws. This opens up the door to new rules such as allowing non-secret union certification votes and limiting the ability of employers to hire replacement workers during a strike. As if our investment climate wasn't bad enough, this NDP government is causing further instability and providing less incentive for job creators to invest in Alberta. With only a five-week consultation process, I fear that the decisions have mostly already been made and new labour legislation is sure to follow.

One thing that concerns me is the emerging oligopolistic character of the Alberta oil patch. By way of mergers and acquisitions, a handful of local oil companies are dominating business in Alberta. My assessment is that given the low price of oil, and a comparatively unfriendly business climate here, many multinationals are choosing to redeploy their scarce capital into more favourable geographic markets like Saskatchewan and Texas. Alberta based companies are spending billions to buy these producing and near-producing assets, but this means they now have far less money to invest in new development projects. Many of the job losses we have seen in Calgary are from engineering, construction and support services directly related to cancelled and delayed oil sands projects.

Speaking of consolidation, unification of political parties of various stripes is a hot topic these days. The Alberta Legislature currently has members elected from five different parties, the most of any province. It seems to be the will of many people that a consolidation of political parties and their leadership should occur over the next few months, well in advance of the next provincial election. I encourage anyone who is concerned about the future of this province to get involved in the political process and have your say in determining the outcome.

I always feel secure and blessed when I think of my mother. always watching and blessing me from up above. I encourage you to do think about and do something special for your own mother on May 14!

Many residents in Ward 2 have shared their concerns and suggestions with me on how to improve our public transit network in northwest Calgary. I have been working with Calgary Transit to ensure that some of these suggestions will be implemented. One significant improvement that has been implemented is the new transit service to Nolan Hill, which is the new Route 82. The new Route 82 connects Nolan Hill to the Sage Hill Hub (Walmart), the Brentwood LRT Station and to the Beacon Hill shopping centre. This route also provides bus stops near the communities of Sage Hill, Sherwood and Kincora. Route 82 runs every 30 minutes during peak hours. For more information on the new Route 82, please visit www.calgarytransit.com.

Councillor, Ward 2

Calgary Transit has also changed the name of Route 429 Sherwood to Route 129 Dalhousie - Sage Hill to better represent the connections available on the route.

We are continuing to evaluate options for improvements to transit in the Evanston community so that there is a better connection to major destinations like the downtown. If you have any comments or suggestions on how to improve transit routes in your community, or to advocate for better transit services, please contact Calgary Transit at www. calgarytransit.com/sr or my office via webmail at www.joemagliocca.ca.

Held annually on the third Saturday of June, Neighbour Day is an opportunity for neighbours to come together in the form of a front yard barbecue, garden party, picnic, clean-up or afternoon tea in a local park to celebrate our strong community spirit in Calgary. The idea is to meet your neighbours, make new friends, have fun and maybe work together on a project that benefits the entire community. Mark Saturday, June 17 on your calendar and visit www. calgary.ca/NeighbourDay for ideas on celebrating Neighbour Day.



The City annually invests in infrastructure and upgrades to ensure levels of service and address both capacity and lifecycle needs. The storm water quality retrofit program adds more wet ponds to long-established areas of the city. Wet ponds protect the quality of river water by slowing the flow, allowing sediment to settle. Plants help to remove pollutants. In all, there are 200-flood related projects requiring repairs or restoration. There are riverbank stabilization and erosion sites, the storm drainage system, and lift or pump stations. Construction projects include water main and pipe repairs, as well as new projects and upgrades to improve water and wastewater systems.

The North Calgary Water Servicing Project is underway. This is part of a long-term plan to sustain the water sup-



ply system. A new water supply line (feeder main) is required to service future area development A consultant will design and construct a new water main from Big Hill Pump Station to the Beddington Reservoir. The preferred alignment will cross Nose Hill Park, using geotechnical tunnelling up to 90 metres or 300 feet deep. A rare plant and bird survey to ensure conservation of protected species will be done before phase 1 soil sampling to test the proposed route. The optimum time to drill 21 test holes (each 6 inches in diameter) is midwinter when the ground is frozen, which minimizes the impact on the surface environment. However, the areas adjacent to these test locations will be rehabilitated prior to crew leaving the site.

The City promises that there will be only minor surface disruption in the SW and NE corners of Nose Hill at the entrance and exit of the proposed tunnel. No other surface work would be required in the park. Phase 2 construction will occur in Summer 2017 to summer 2018. Drilling and survey equipment and personnel will be visible on the hill but away from the paths by mid-Febearly April 2017. In addition, there will be signs at Nose Hill parking lots and an information brochure at www. calgary.ca/nosehill. You can phone 3-1-1 for general water construction inquiries or a list of road closures due to other construction projects.



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HAMPTONS 2017 STATS	# SALES	AVERAGE PRICE
Bungalow	0	-
Two Storey	11	\$673,664
Townhouse	0	-
Villa	2	\$525,000
TOTAL	13	
Average Days on Market	53 Days	



### 125 Edgebrook Grove NW

- Jayman 3 bedroom+bonus two storey
- · backyard sports court, A/C, fully finished
- · maple kitchen, hardwood & granite



### 135 Valley Ridge Green NW

- 4 bedroom+den two storey walkout, A/C
- · granite, fully finished, heated garage
- renovated baths, 2 decks, newer roof



#### 300 Hampstead Way NW

- sunny 5 bedroom+den two storey walkout
- · hardwood & tile, granite, fully finished
- · built-ins, maple kitchen, close to school



- custom 5 bedroom+loft two storey, A/C · cherrywood kitchen, heated 3 car garage
- · finished walkout, media room, hot tub



#### 112 Edgebyne Crescent NW

- custom 5 bedroom+den two storey split
- · fully finished, vaulted ceilings, tile roof
- · newer paint, oak kitchen, built-ins



84 Rockcliff Point NW

- custom 4 bedroom+den two storey
- fully finished, 3 car garage, 2 fireplaces
- cul-de-sac, granite, cul-de-sac, upgrades



272 Edenwold Drive NW

- custom 4 bedroom two storey walkout
- 3 car garage, fully finished, central air
- · extensive extras, prime ridge location



#### 57 Varsity Estates View NW

- custom 4 bedroom+den two storey
- · oak kitchen, 3 car garage, fully finished
- · built-ins, 2 fireplaces, close to LRT/schools

