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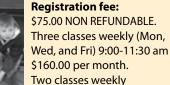
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Adventures in Learning Preschool



Registration is now open.



(Tue. & Thurs) AM \$ 135.00

Class times

• Morning hours 9: 00-11:30 Your child must be at least 3 years old age to enter and be fully toilet trained.

Subsidy is available through the Government of Alberta.

Huntington Hills Community Adventures in Learn Preschool 520 – 78th Avenue NW Calgary, Alberta T2K 0S2 403-275-6666 ext 231 or 234 | 403-512-5732

Curling Club

Registration for next season will start August 1 and again will be on line. Leagues will begin curling late September and there will be Adult Learn to Curl clinics in mid-September and will be offered again in October. Please refer to the Huntington Hills Curling Club website for details or contact Barb in the curling office.

Have a great Summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Cheers



Barb Dickson, Curling Manager/Instructor

The North Central

Family Support Program

Please join the North Central Family Support team on Thursday August 25th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. We will be holding a family friendly Water Olympics event with lots of fun activities for the whole family. You will get wet so please bring some towels with you. We will be outside in the field behind Huntington Hills Community Center, and may move activities inside, weather dependant.

See if you can spot us offering pop up activities across Huntington Hills in August. Please check the www. weconnectyou.ca website for updated dates and times. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer.

Ready Calgary Community Initiative for Huntington Hills Community Members

As part of the coordinated effort throughout many communities in the City of Calgary, the HHCA has joined in a partnership with CEMA's Ready Calgary to help community members and their households be best prepared should unexpected events arise, such as, fires, floods, as well as other natural and human-made disasters.

Community members can sign up for the fall workshop now, by contacting Stella Riesen, CEMA's Ready Calgary Support Team Coordinator, at: s.constance@toxserv.com.

The Status of Emergency Preparedness in Calgary

Floods, snowstorms, fires, power outages, telecommunication failures — these are just some of the natural, technological and human-induced events that Calgary needs to be prepared for, according to the recent Status of Emergency Preparedness report from the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA)

A quarter of Albertans report having three or more 'precautionary' measures in place to support their own preparedness. "We've seen an increase of almost 10% in the number of families with 72-hour kits," says Tom Sampson, Chief of CEMA, noting the growth. "While this is improving, there is still work to be done to ensure citizens understand the risks and take some responsibility for their own preparedness."

The best ways individuals and families can prepare: Know the risks. Flooding is most common May-15 to July-15 but can occur at any time of year. Be informed about current conditions. When weather watches or warnings are in place, be prepared for severe weather such as flooding, lightning, tornadoes, or winter storms. For more information visit Alberta Emergency Alert (emergencyalert.alberta.ca)

Make a plan. Know how to reach your family members if you are not with them when an emergency or disaster strikes.

Get a kit. Ensure you have a 72-hour kit stocked and ready to go that contains supplies to support you and your family for the first 72 hours of an emergency or disaster.

Calgary.ca/cema provides great resources for individuals, families and businesses to learn what they can do to prepare.



Registration for our Summer Day Camps opens to families in the OOSC program April 1st 2016. (Public on Wednesday April 20, 2016.) Siblings of children in the program are given preference to join Summer Camp. Children will be going on at least one field trip a week with the bus.

Spaces will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. See below for more information:

August Themes:

August 2-5: Funology \$120 for the four days August 8-12: Animals \$150 for the week August 15-19: Artful Antics \$150 for the week August 22-26: Adventure! \$150 for the week

Contact 403- 275-6666 ex 233 or 277

Subsidy is available through the Government of Alberta ** Follow us on Facebook for current updates @ Huntington Hills Out of School Care** **We accept cash, cheque, debit, credit cards, & money orders **



IN & AROUND Schools

Huntington Hills School

Huntington Hills School is proud to be a community based, neighbourhood public school of the Calgary Board of Education.

In September, our school will be hosting Canadian author Sigmund Brouwer at our school. His presentation is entitled Rock and Roll Literacy! He is the author of over 40 novels for young adults and has a Boy's book club on his website. We look forward to hearing about his passion for writing, reading, and telling stories.

In October, our entire school will be taking part in a residency with Evergreen Theatre. All students will be creating stories and acting out their ideas with the support of this professional company. Our theme will look at keeping our Naturalization area a vital outdoor learning classroom and we hope to utilize it in our play! As well, our Grade 5 and 6 students will be participating in a three-day residency at the Bennett Centre.

Finally, our School Council and our Staff will be hosting a Back-to-School BBQ for all Huntington Hills School Families on Wednesday, September 14 from 4-6pm. We look forward to seeing all of our new and returning families!

Respectfully submitted by Christine McCrory, Assistant Principal



Learn To Skate Registration will begin August 16. Shinny Registration (ages 7-11) will begin August 16.



All of our leagues look forward to filling up with new and returning teams. Whether you are a seasoned curler or someone looking to try out the sport for the first time, we welcome all to HHCC and will help you find a team, take a lesson or sign up an entire foursome for one of the leagues. Great curling and see you on the ice!!

On Line Registration will begin August 8, 2016. Please remember to purchase your membership on line when registering.

Registration – September 6 – 2016 – 7:00pm Curling Lounge

Computers will be available to register on line and assistance will be provided.

LEAGUES – All curlers require a \$25 Community Membership to participate.

Adult Learn to Curl – Please call Barb for details at 403-275-6666 ext 229 or email hhcurls@shaw.ca

HUNTINGTON HILLS CURLING CLUB LEAGUES Curling Rocks!! Join Now!

Monday Night Ladies – 21 games - \$315.00 *plus membership Alternating Draw Times – 6:30pm & 9:00pm

Thursday Morning Ladies – 21 games - \$205.00 * plus membership 9:00am Draw Time

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Tuesday or Thursday Men – 21 games - \$320.00 *plus membership Alternating Draw Times – 6:30pm & 9:00pm

Wednesday Mixed – 21 games - \$300.00 *plus membership – 2 ladies/2men per team Alternating Draw Times – 16 team league – 6:30pm and 9:00pm

Friday Night Mixed – 19 games -\$295.00 *plus membership-2 ladies/2 men per team 6:30pm Only Draw Time – 16 Team League 403-275-6666 ext 229 hhcurls@shaw.ca www.huntingtonhillscurlingclub.com Barb Dickson – Curling Coordinator/Instructor

Friday Night Open Late – 19 games - \$280.00 *plus membership – any combination of females/males on a team

9:00 Only Draw Time – 16 Team League

Saturday Open - 17 games - \$255.00 *plus membership – any combination of females/males on a team 7:00pm Only Draw Time – 16 Team League

Junior Curling

Saturday Mornings – 10:00am to 11:30am – ages 10 – 18 \$125.00 *plus membership \$25.00 required

Little Rocks #1

Saturday Afternoon – 12:30 – 1:30pm *This is for new little rockers – ages 5 - 9 \$75.00 – 6 weeks - *plus community membership -\$25.00 required

Little Rocks #2

Saturday Afternoon – 2:00pm – 3:00pm MUST HAVE TAKEN LITTLE ROCKS #1 TO REGISTER Ages 5 – 9 - \$75.00 – 6 weeks *plus community membership \$25 required.

BONSPIELS - 2016-2017

Ladies Bonspiel – November 4, 5, 6 – 2016 Mixed Bonspiel – December 3, 4 - 2016 Junior Noel Bonspiel – December 10 -2016 Men's Bonspiel – January 5, 6, 7, 8 – 2017

CURLING ROCKS!



Meets at the Triwood Community Hall on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Serving Northwest Calgary, open to all men and women of legal age. For more info call: John Wilson 403-932-6043

HUNTINGTON PIONEERS ASSOCIA

A club for adults 50 years and older, retired or semi-retired.

Located in the lower level of the Huntington Hills Community Association 520 78th Avenue NW T2K 0S2 Phone: 403-275-4294 • Fax: 403-275-5227 www.huntingtonpioneers.com E-Mail: pioneers50@telus.net The Huntington Pioneers Association is a group of people participating in a variety of activities.

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- Baking
- On-site park Large grassy hills and fields
- A new gym coming in Fall 2016
- · PD days included in monthly fee
- Winter/ Spring/ Summer Camps available too!

Some of the activities include:

Bridge, snooker, whist, shuffle boarding, art classes, craft classes, outings, movies, volunteer activities, social events and more!

We have regular monthly activities and we invite anyone meeting our membership requirements to join us:

Pot luck supper: last Monday of each month, starts at 5:30pm

Movie Night: 3rd Friday of every month 7pm, Silver collection for popcorn and pop.

Art classes: Every Tuesday 1:00pm-3:00pm, includes: oil painting, water color, acrylics and sketching.

Games Night: every Tuesday from 6pm – 9pm.

Soup and Bun Day: The 2nd Thursday of every month, starting at 12pm. Cost set by Board.

Club Cost and hours: \$33 for membership Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am – 4pm

Call 403-275-4294 for more information; registration and costs, program start times, and more.

Huntington HIIIs Community Association Out of School Care Programs

New Fall 2016 **Offering Morning and** Afternoon Kindergarten spots at ALL 5 schools!



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Enroll free at mybabysitter.ca and Visit mybabysitter.ca and choose the Calgary communities find available babysitters in you would like to babysit in. and around your community.

Disclaimer: We recommend for your own peace of mind that references be checked when choosing your babysitter. This babysitter list is provided as a service to the community and is governed by the terms & conditions outlined at mybabysitter.ca.



It is just like man's vanity and impertinence to call an animal dumb because it is dumb to his dull perceptions.

Mark Twain



Huntington Hills Real Estate Update Last 12 Months Huntington Hills MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
June 2016	\$399,900.00	\$382,750.00
May 2016	\$348,750.00	\$338,500.00
April 2016	\$409,900.00	\$400,000.00
March 2016	\$444,900.00	\$426,500.00
February 2016	\$459,300.00	\$455,500.00
January 2016	\$439,900.00	\$445,000.00
December 2015	\$339,900.00	\$324,000.00
November 2015	\$374,950.00	\$359,500.00
October 2015	\$439,850.00	\$436,500.00
September 2015	\$425,000.00	\$423,000.00
August 2015	\$437,400.00	\$437,400.00
July 2015	\$408,445.00	\$405,000.00

Last 12 Months Huntington Hills MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
June 2016	5	8
May 2016	16	6
April 2016	11	9
March 2016	7	8
February 2016	10	2
January 2016	3	1
December 2015	3	5
November 2015	5	6
October 2015	9	12
September 2015	9	9
August 2015	14	8
July 2015	11	16

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





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Family Connections Parent Link Centre

The Parent Link Centre is open from 9-5PM Monday-Friday & Thursday we are open 9- 7:30PM and We offer free programs for parents with children 0-6. For more information on hours and programs please stop by & visit us to pick up a calendar or call Tracey at 403-275-6666 ext 276.

The Family Connections Parent Link Centre will be closed Monday August 1, 2016

We will run **NO** programs for the week of August 29 – September 2, 2016

PARENT LINK STAFF

Cassandra: Manager ext 274 Tracey: Administrative Assistant - ext 276 Sue: Parent Coach - ext 235 Paula: Child Development Facilitator – ext 237 Vivian: ESL Program Facilitator – ext 242 Michele: Program Facilitator – ext 241 All of the Parent Link Programs are free of charge!

PROGRAMS

Playtime Fun:

Tuesday mornings, 10:00-11:30;

Please Join us for this free, drop-in, playgroup for parents and children (Birth to 5). Children are able to move about in the room and pick from a variety play areas.

Kids' Corner:

Tuesday afternoons, 1:30-3:00;

Join us for this afternoon, relaxed, drop in group for parents and children free of charge (Birth - 5). Our afternoon program is a little quieter and is another option parents with children under 12 months come to.

ESL Program coming soon, Contact Vivian at 403-275-6666 ext. 242 for more information.

SUMMER PROGRAMS: AUGUST FOR CHILDREN 2-5 YEARS OLD

ABC: You and Me: Wednesday mornings, July 6, 13, 20 & 27, 10:30-11:15 am. (Program FULL)

123 You & Me: Wednesday mornings, August 3, 10, 24 & 31, 10:30-11:15 am.

These programs are a partnership with the Judith Umbach Library. Families can only register for one program, choose July or August and plan to attend all 4 sessions. Come join us with the Calgary Public Library where children and parents will share songs, rhymes and stories in this interactive circle program. To register call 403-275-6666 ext. 276 starting June 14 at 10:00 am. Please leave a message with your name, telephone number, the program/month you are registering for, child's name and age, we will call back to confirm. Spaces are limited so please commit to all 4 weeks.

Let's Build!

Wednesday afternoons 1:30 - 2:30 August 3rd, 10th and 24th

(No program on August 17 due to Teddy Bear Picnic) Does your child like building toys? Come build and create with your child. We will have a selection of building and table toys available for your child to use their imagination.

Please note that there will be no regular toys available at this program.

Best suited for ages 2 1/2 to 6yr. Siblings are welcome.

* Please supervise carefully as small parts may pose a choking hazard for young children.

Family Evening Fun:

Thursday evenings, 6:30-7:30

This drop in program is a great opportunity to come out with the whole family and have some fun in the evening. Play and meet new families, ending with songs and stories. For more information, call Vivian at 403-275-6666 ext. 242.

Special events:

Teddy Bear Picnic: Wednesday morning; August 17; 10:00-11:30

Beddington Pentecostal Church West (Main Campus) 16 Bermuda Drive NW

Bring your favorite furry friend for games, crafts, snacks & stories which also has outdoor activities. We will have some special guests so don't forget your camera! Most activities are suited for young children but older siblings are welcome too! Watch for more details.

Parenting Programs: Returning in the Fall

S COMMUNITY business of the month

Front Row Centre

ront Row Centre presents Calgary's Premier Community Musical Theatre right here in Beddington. FRC, together with StoryBook Theatre, moved into the Beddington Heights Community Arts Centre in 2012 as part of an effort to revitalize the old community centre. Since moving to this community, we have produced three full seasons with a wide variety of shows such as; *My Fair Lady, Footloose, Jesus Christ Superstar*, and *South Pacific*. We have loved learning and growing as an organization in the community of Beddington, forging local partnerships, collaborating with Beddington residents and businesses, and also working with a wonderful new pool of volunteers.

If you are interested in getting involved with our entirely volunteer-run organization, there are several ways to join our team! We are pleased to offer courses in dance, both Jazz and Tap, as well as Audition preparation for adult learners who are passionate about theatre in the Calgary Community. Accessible and affordable, each course is only \$60, runs for approximately 6 hours over several weeks, and will help develop skills that will prepare you for the fantastic musical theatre opportunities that exist in Calgary. If you are already experienced in these, or any of the many other aspects of Musical Theatre, you can also sign up for our Volunteer Call-Out list. If you don't consider yourself to be a spotlight or backstage kind of person, but still love musicals and want to be more involved, no worries! There are also many roles during the run of our productions at the front-of-house, including ushering, bartending, and concession.

Got all the volunteer info, and just want to watch a show to see what it's all about? Individual tickets for our first show of the year, 'Jekyll & Hyde' will become available for purchase on September 18. We also offer 'Save My Seat Passes'. These passes allow you to reserve the same seats for all four shows in our upcoming season at one low price. 'Save My Seat Passes' for our 2016/2017 season are currently on sale and can be purchased through the box office or online through our website.

Front Row Centre Players is a passionate group of volunteers, always having fun as we produce wonderful musicals. We strive to provide a safe and fun environment for anyone who has a passion for musical theatre and to deliver enjoyable, high quality entertainment to our community. We can't wait for you to join us!



Front Row Centre Players, Calgary's Premier Musical Theatre Company!



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

I came across a website which ranks Alberta parks and playgrounds. See: calgaryplaygroundreview.com/nosehill-park. In addition to free parking, Nose Hill has many features, with hiking, off-leash area, washroom, wildlife spotting, interpretive signs, native grasslands, larger mammals, such as deer and coyotes. You can also find geocaches. OISEAU Agents of Nature is a free downloadable mobile app about nature and wildlife. The idea is to encourage outdoors discovery with interactive fun. Be an agent of nature and solve challenges. You can access Nose Hill and the codes for the app from the parking lot off Berkley Gate. Then unlock some mysteries of nature. Go to the City website for details about the program: http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Programs/ Get-to-know.aspx and follow the links. Speaking of city parks and other green spaces, after the City decided to end the Adopt-a-Park program, there were a few complaints about these areas. The residents involved are proud of how beautiful and green their neighborhoods are through the help of this volunteer program. If this is coming to an end (or being replaced) due to more strict water management, how can we keep the neighbourhoods looking green and nice so that the residents continue to be proud of them?

The General Manager of Community Services responded that the Adopt-a-Park program came into effect in 1984 and was discontinued in 2015. It served a very good purpose and encouraged pride in community, but

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Alberta is developing a new strategy to address climate change based on recommendations put forward by the Climate Change Advisory Panel and I wanted to let you know what to expect in the weeks and months ahead. Details of the final strategy are being developed, and there are 4 key areas that the Alberta government is moving forward on as part of our Climate Leadership Plan.

Under the Climate Leadership Plan, Alberta will be phasing out emissions from coal-generated electricity and developing more renewable energy production to reduce pollution, specifically from coal-fired sources of electricity, by 2030. Moving to cleaner sources of generation like natural gas, wind, solar and biomass to meet our power needs will protect the health of our children and other vulnerable Albertans by making the air we breathe cleaner. Coal fired electricity generation is the source of almost 20% of Greenhouse Gas (or GHG) emissions from electricity generation in Alberta. Our government is developing a transition plan that ensures workers, communities and affected companies are treated fairly in this process.

The Climate Leadership Plan calls for a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions via a carbon levy to encourage people, businesses and communities to lower their emissions. The levy will help diversify our energy industry and create new jobs through reinvestment in renewables and infrastructure, while improving opportunities to get our traditional energy products to new markets. Carbon rebates will offset costs associated with the levy which six out of ten Albertan households will be eligible for a full rebate, and another 6% of households will receive a partial rebate. The small business tax rate is being cut by one third to support businesses in the change as well.

A legislated oil sands emission limit Alberta will transition to a \$30/tonne carbon price for oil sands facilities to drive reduced emissions. A legislated maximum emissions limit of 100Mt in any year, with provisions for cogeneration and new upgrading capacity, will help drive innovation and give operators time to develop and implement new technology to remove carbon emissions from every barrel and reduce Alberta's overall emissions. Lastly, the oil and gas industry is the source of 70% of the province's total methane emissions. Alberta is targeting a 45 per cent reduction in methane gas emissions from Alberta's oil and gas operations by 2025. The climate change impact of methane is significant — 25 times greater than carbon dioxide over a 100-year period. We are confident that this new plan will lead us to a greener future for all Albertans.

I hope you find this information helpful in understanding some of the changes we will see as our province enacts the Climate Leadership Plan. The Plan is an important framework for our province's future economic prosperity and for the health of all Albertan's, especially children and other vulnerable populations. As always, I'm happy to answer any questions or concerns for you regarding the Climate Leadership Plan, I encourage you to reach out to my office via phone (403-215-7710) or via email at Calgary.mackay.nosehill@assembly.ab.ca

Some general info:

*All Albertans who take steps to reduce their emissions – by turning down the heat when no one is home, installing smart thermostats, choosing more fuel efficient cars, using public transit, walking, biking, or taking advantage of coming energy efficiency programs – can reduce the cost of the carbon levy.

Estimated impact on households

	Single	Couple	Couple w/ 2 children
2017 Impacts			
Natural gas	\$101	\$124	\$136
(@ \$1.011/GJ)			
Gasoline (@ 4.49 ¢/L)	\$90	\$135	\$202
Total 2017 Costs	\$191	\$259	\$338
2017 Maximum	\$200	\$300	\$360
Rebate Amount			

Learn More: http://www.alberta.ca/climate-leadership-plan.cfm



IN & AROUND CALGARY

Green Cart set to roll out next spring

After a successful pilot that saw a 40 per cent drop in garbage and 89 per cent satisfaction amongst residents, the Green Cart Program will roll out to all single family homes beginning next spring. All communities should have the service by fall 2017. Here are the highlights:

All food, yard and pet waste is accepted in the program.

Unlimited quantity. Use paper yard waste bags for extra yard waste that doesn't fit in the cart.

Green and blue carts will be collected on the same day every week.

Black carts will be picked up once every two weeks on a separate day since most household waste can be recycled or composted.

Residents will receive everything they need to get started including the green cart, a kitchen pail for collecting food scraps inside the home; a sample of compostable bags for the kitchen pail and yard waste bags. Once service begins, households will pay \$6.50 per month. This charge reflects the savings achieved by changing black cart garbage col-

News from the Friends of Nose Hill...cont'd

there were several issues with the program, such as the possible wasteful use of water, safety, collective agreements, and some centralized pieces of the services that the City provides.

The program was replaced with two new programs. The Green Leaders program for community volunteers provides oversight to doing projects in the community to

lection from weekly to once every two weeks.

Green carts go beyond backyard composting

If you're already backyard composting, keep it up. Use your green cart for all the other materials that cannot be composted at home like meat, bones, shellfish, dairy, weeds and pet waste.

Why we need to keep food and yard waste out of landfills

It may be hard to believe, but more than half of residential garbage is food and yard waste. Composting this material is the right thing to do. When food and yard waste is buried in the landfill it releases methane, a greenhouse gas that is 25 times stronger than carbon dioxide. By using the green carts we reduce dependence on our landfills, reduce greenhouse gas and turn food and yard waste into nutrient-rich compost.

To learn more about the Green Cart Program, visit calgary.ca/greencart.

Submitted by The City of Calgary Waste & Recycling Services.

enhance it, such as painting park benches or weeding. The second project, Water Stewards, will have volunteers focus mostly on keeping the city's many high-use playing fields watered.

Both programs are trying to address some of the issues that had emerged but also respond to the community desire to continue to care and have pride in their community with a more focused, targeted, and supportive approach. The General Manager noted that the programs will be evaluated over the course of 2016.





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As a member of the Standing Committee on Immigration and Citizenship, my duties require that government decisions are held up to scrutiny, and where necessary, improved upon. An unprecedented number of refugees have arrived and will be arriving in Canada and it is of crucial importance that the federal government provides the services they need to integrate into our country, our culture and our economy.

The Minister of Immigration and his officials have been unable to address the total expenditures on the Syrian refugee initiative to date, when appearing before committee to discuss Supplementary Estimates. The government told Canadians during the campaign that the total cost of the initiative would be \$250M, now it's climbing towards \$1B, they haven't calculated the downstream impact on provinces and municipalities, and frontline service groups are testifying at committee saying that their funding has been cut.

The government needs to show Canadians a fully costed plan to support the refugees that they've brought to Canada.

For weeks now at parliamentary committee, as well as in the media, we have been hearing how Syrian refugees are struggling now that they are in Canada. We've heard that they haven't been able to make long term arrangements for affordable housing, access language training services, or find employment. All of these issues put refugees at risk of isolation and poverty. Supporting refugees means more than taking pictures with them when they arrive.

Front line agencies providing services to Syrian refugees are also struggling. Many groups in recent weeks have told a parliamentary committee that they have faced funding cuts, and have been overloaded by the rapid influx of refugees precipitated by the government's Syrian refugee initiative. School boards have described having to raise class sizes and defer maintenance due to the influx of refugees. By the Minister of Immigration's own remarks in the House of Commons and in parliamentary committee, Canada's intake of refugees has increased by nearly 400%, while funding for resettlement has only increased by 4%.

This committee study will conclude in September. I will continue to advocate on this issue on your behalf.



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Greetings everyone,

In case of an emergency, know your location

Each year, Calgary's 9-1-1 centre receives over one million emergency and non-emergency calls. It takes a team of over 300 employees, working in a 24-7 environment to answer those calls and get citizens the help they need.

The most important piece of information a 9-1-1 emergency communications officer needs is your location. If you don't know where you are, there may be a delay in getting you the help you need. Many citizens assume that emergency responders can find them based on cell phone GPS. This is not true. While the 9-1-1 officer may receive your approximate location, it's not always accurate. That's why it is so important to always pay attention to your surroundings and know your location.

It's easy if you're at home where you can provide your home address to the 9-1-1 officer. But what if you were outside, enjoying your day in one of Calgary's parks, when you suddenly need to call 9-1-1? If you're in Fish Creek Park, Glenmore Reservoir or on the Bow River pathway, you can look for our emergency locator signs. These signs are an initiative between Calgary Parks and Calgary 9-1-1. Taking note of them will help crews locate you in an emergency.

Whether you're at home or out enjoying the summer in our city, Calgary 9-1-1 is there to help you stay safe.

For more information on Calgary 9-1-1, visit Calgary. ca/911

New to Canada?

Arriving in a new city can be overwhelming. In Calgary, there are many resources and services to assist newcomers, community organizations to help you get settled, and immigrant serving agencies who can help if you're new to Canada.

The Newcomers Guide to Calgary (available in English and Arabic) provides important information for new residents in an easy to download and print format. For more information, visit calgary.ca/newcomers.

Have a great Summer!



Karen McPherson, MLA Calgary-Mackay-Nosehill #106, 8220 Centre St NE

Please stop by weekdays between 9-4:30 pm for a visit! We are always excited to get to know our constituents and are happy to help you with matters of concern.

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