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# Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 12  
2-4pm

At Symons Valley United Church

The hunt will take place once at 2:45 pm. Free for community association members, \$5/family for non-members. Please come early to register and purchase your 2016 community membership (\$20/yr/household) or pay online in advance at [www.kincora.org](http://www.kincora.org).

Children will have to find all the required eggs to spell 'EASTER'. One treat bag will be given for each child that completes the search. Activities will include egg and cookie decorating and crafts. The City of Calgary will also have their Action Plan Check In engagement bus at our event from 12-2pm. So stop by and provide feedback to The City on what Council should focus on in 2017-18.

The event will continue snow or shine! Volunteers are required; a good opportunity for teens and youth in the neighbourhood to help younger kids. Contact us at [kca.volunteers@gmail.com](mailto:kca.volunteers@gmail.com).

# 2016 MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<b>March 6 &amp; 20</b>	Calgary Public Library Mobile Book Truck
<b>March 12</b>	Easter Egg Hunt, 2-4pm
<b>April 13</b>	Annual General Meeting for the community, 7pm
<b>May 28</b>	Parade of Garage Sales 9am – 4pm
<b>June 4</b>	Community Cleanup at Ren Depot, 9am – 1pm



# KINCORA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM**  
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## NITANISAK DISTRICT

It was another busy couple of months for the Nitanisak Girl Guides.

### Brownies

The 85th Brownies had a very fun morning in January participating in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Day activities and experiments. We are excited about our February Zoo Sleepover with the hippos and giraffes. Also, we are going to go on a Winter Walk with our Be Prepared Kits that we made at a meeting. These are just a few of the cool things we are doing in Brownies.

### Guides

The 110th Guides are planning a skate night in February, we are having Child Safe Canada come to do a Street Smart program in January. We are also doing Valentines for Vets (more information below). In December we had a nutritionist come in and talk to the girls as part of healthy eating badge, earned the life skills badge, and put on a Christmas party for the Brownies.

### Pathfinders

The 90th Pathfinders had a wonderful December by celebrating our new Pathfinders at our enrollment ceremony. We have 13 fantastic young women who are planning Thinking Day events for two of the Brownie units within our District. Thinking Day, February 22nd, is a celebration of international friendship for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world. February 22 is the shared birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. Lord Robert Baden-Powell started the Boy Scouts. His wife Olave spent her life, after her marriage to Robert, promoting Guiding and Scouting.

### Rangers

The 60th Rangers have been completing their challenges by planning and facilitating meetings for Guides, Pathfinders and Brownies. We look forward to having fun at Flying Squirrel Trampoline Park, curling, learning how to create beautiful Ukrainian Easter Eggs, chilling over hot drinks at our local coffee shop, Law Day, and a year-end trip to Banff. We appreciate all the Guiders who let us come and run meetings for their unit – we hope the younger girls are having as much fun as we are!

The Valentines for Vets program helps us to appreciate and value our Veterans, not only on Remembrance Day but all year long. It is also an

opportunity for educators to share with Canadian youth the accomplishments and sacrifices of our Veterans, giving them a greater understanding of Canada's proud military history. The personal touch of hand-crafted valentines leaves a lasting impression and brings smiles to the faces of Veterans in long term care facilities across Canada. Though they may never meet people who create these valentines, some Veterans shed tears of appreciation as they read the heartfelt messages. Others display their cards for weeks after Valentine's Day. ([www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/get-involved/valentines-for-veterans/educators](http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/get-involved/valentines-for-veterans/educators))

If you are interested in becoming a leader with our district, please contact Sharron at 403-547-7352.

If you'd like to register your daughter for Girl Guides, please visit [www.register.girlguides.ca](http://www.register.girlguides.ca).



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For more information or to Register: [www.nosecreeksoftball.ca](http://www.nosecreeksoftball.ca)  
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Consider giving a guide to a family member, friend or neighbour, along with a FREE Calgary Public Library card. They are available at all community libraries and online at [calgarylibrary.ca/card](http://calgarylibrary.ca/card).

## Looking for Ways to Support Refugees?

In October 2015, our Federal Government responded to crisis overseas and made a commitment to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees in Canada by the end of March 2016. Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS), an organization who has been involved in refugee resettlement for over 30 years, is a community leader with a mission to "...work in partnership with the community to help immigrants and refugees settle and become contributing members of Canadian society".

Thus, they have created a helpful and interactive website, [www.srcalgary.ca](http://www.srcalgary.ca) where you can find information on how to volunteer, donate or simply catch up on related news. If you are interested or just want to find out more check out the website or call 211 and help support settlement and integration of our new neighbours!



## CBC Calgary / Calgary Reads Big Book Sale

**One of Calgary's most anticipated and attended events!**

More than 1,000,000 previously-loved books will be ready to be purchased and find new homes. This is a signature fundraising event for Calgary Reads.

**Our 14th annual event! Held at the Calgary Curling Club, 720 3rd St. NW, Calgary:**

• **Friday May 13 - 9am – 9pm**

Author reading 7pm

• **Saturday May 14 - 9am – 9pm**

Back by popular demand! Shop to the musical sounds of **Midnight Blue** with cash wine bar 7 – 9pm.

• **Sunday May 15 - 9am – 1pm**

Other special activities during the Big Book Sale will be announced on our website as they confirm: [calgaryreads.com](http://calgaryreads.com).

**Donate books:** We welcome donation of adult and children books for the book sale! (We do not accept encyclopaedias, text books, Harlequin Romances, Readers' Digests, book tapes, VHS, cassettes, 8-tracks or magazines.)

**Book collection locations, dates and times:**

At **Calgary Food Bank**, 5000, 11th Street SE, Calgary:

• Monday to Thursday April 25 to 28 - drop off at Door #3 from 8:30am – 7pm

• Friday, April 29 - drop off at Door #3 from 8:30am – 3:30pm

At **Calgary Curling Club**, 720 3rd St. NW, Calgary:

• Thursday to Sunday May 3 to May 6 from 9am - 7pm sharp

• Monday and Tuesday May 7 and 8 from 9am - 4 pm sharp

*At Calgary Reads we build connections, strengthen networks, champion, involve and innovate—because we ALL have a role to play in creating a thriving community where all children can read with confidence and joy! Learn more: [Calgaryreads.com](http://Calgaryreads.com).*



## IN & AROUND CALGARY

### Calling for Calgary Awards Nominations

The Calgary Awards is one of the largest citizen recognition programs in our city. The City of Calgary established the Calgary Awards in 1994 to celebrate and recognize outstanding achievements and contributions made by Calgarians. Each year, individuals, corporations, community groups, schools and organizations are nominated in five major award categories, for a total of 16 awards.

The City of Calgary encourages all Calgarians to look to their neighbours, colleagues, community leaders, local organizations and businesses for those who could qualify as recipients of the Calgary Awards.

The Calgary Awards are for Calgarians. Individuals, businesses, not-for-profit organizations, community groups and other organizations can all be nominated. For specific eligibility requirements, how to nominate someone in your community and for more information visit: [calgary.ca/calgaryawards](http://calgary.ca/calgaryawards).

**Nominations close on Friday, May 6, 2016.**

### Neighbour Day

Held annually on the third Saturday of June, Neighbour Day is an opportunity for neighbours to come together in the form of BBQs, cleanups and potlucks to celebrate our strong community spirit in Calgary. Make Saturday, June 18 the day you host a block party, a picnic at your local park or even introduce yourself to a neighbour and lend a helping hand.

The City of Calgary wants to encourage as many people as possible to host a local activity on their block or in their residential building. That is why they are waiving the fees for small scale local block party permits and neighbourhood park bookings for events that take place on June 18 this year. Please note the deadline for road closure permit applications is May 27.

Visit [calgary.ca/neighbourday](http://calgary.ca/neighbourday) for more information about Neighbour Day including an event planning kit, information about permits other logistical considerations.



## Symons Valley United Church

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Services – Sundays at 10:30 am. Sunday School and Youth Group meet during the worship service.

Please see our website for up-to-date schedules, events and activities [www.symonsvalleyuc.com](http://www.symonsvalleyuc.com).

### Parking Lot Safety & Security

The staff at Symons Valley United Church work diligently to provide a safe environment, both inside and out, for all those who use the church facility. We work closely with the Calgary Police Service to ensure that our parking lot is well lit and has regular police monitoring. However, we recognize that safety must also be a community-wide responsibility. To that end, we remind all Kincora residents that our parking lot is private property, and should a resident observe any suspicious activity occurring to immediately contact the CPS via their Non-Emergency line (403-266-1234) or Twitter (@CalgaryPolice). Together, we can work towards providing an environment that can be safely enjoyed by all.

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**Contact your Community Association by phone or visit their website to learn more about these FREE programs.**

Visit [calgary.ca/trees](http://calgary.ca/trees) for more information about the ReTree Community Program.

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## IN & AROUND CALGARY

### March is Community Association Membership Awareness Month!

**Did you know that Mayor Nenshi declares the month of March as Community Association Membership Awareness Month?**

Did you also know that there are 150 community associations in Calgary that are run by your neighbours? In fact, more than 20,000 volunteers are involved in community associations here in Calgary, making it the LARGEST collective volunteer movement in the city!

**Are you a member of your community association? If not, you are missing out on numerous benefits, including sizeable discounts at local businesses. Membership is extremely affordable with most community association memberships averaging under \$30 a year!**

Throughout the month of March we encourage you to “be part of it” and find out what your community association can do for you! It’s easy and you may be surprised by the many benefits and options available to you as a resident.

Community associations are run by your neighbours, they bring residents together, they provide endless opportunities right in your backyard, and they act as a voice for your community. Most importantly, these hard-working volunteers are dedicated to making sure your community is a great place to live, work, and play. Purchasing a community association membership is a great way to get involved and show your support for the many ways your neighbours work to ensure you love where you live.

For example, this very community newsletter is just one of the many ways your community association works to keep you informed on events, topics and issues of interest close to home, written and compiled by your neighbours.

So take a minute during March Community Association Membership Awareness Month and find out more about your community association and how you can get involved!

### Library Book Truck in Kincora

The Calgary Public Library Mobile Book Truck is coming to Kincora! The Book Truck will be available in the Symons Valley United Church parking lot every other Sunday from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm starting March 6. The book truck allows you to borrow books and movies, return already borrowed items, library card registration, and information services. This service is being provided to alleviate pressure on the Crowfoot and Country Hills libraries until such time the Symons Valley library is built.

### South Shaganappi Study: Get Involved

The City of Calgary is conducting a transportation corridor study for the south end of Shaganappi Trail. The study area includes the Shaganappi Tr. and 16 Ave. interchange, the Shaganappi Tr. and Bowness Rd. intersection and the Bowness Rd. and Memorial Dr. interchange.

#### Your Input is Important!

Shaganappi Trail has always been identified as a vital link in Calgary’s transportation network. Working closely with the community, we will develop a vision for the study area that accommodates all modes of transportation and is integrated with surrounding communities and land uses.

#### Phase Two: Concept Development and Analysis Engagement Opportunities in April/May 2016

##### IDEA WORKSHOP

Attend this workshop to share ideas about possible changes and different ways to achieve the study’s goals and objectives.

##### PROVIDE INPUT ONLINE

If you’re unable to attend the workshop, there will also be an opportunity to share your ideas online at [calgary.ca/southshaganappi](http://calgary.ca/southshaganappi).

In addition to the events above, a similar workshop for the adjacent communities of Montgomery, Parkdale and Point McKay has been scheduled in April. This invite-only event provides those with homes and businesses in close proximity to the study area an opportunity to participate in the same workshop with others who may share similar perspectives.

For specific event dates, times and locations, or to learn more about the study, visit [calgary.ca/southshaganappi](http://calgary.ca/southshaganappi) or call 311.



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I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter. As we get closer to spring with warmer temperatures, I encourage Calgarians to get outdoors and enjoy the many recreational opportunities in and around the City. However, please take extra caution around frozen lakes and streams. It is particularly important to stay away from drainage ponds as any remaining ice will be very thin. Even though the ice may look solid, looks can be deceiving. Stay off the ice unless it is a City or community-designated area.

**Neighbourhood Spring Clean Up**

The warmer temperatures and melting snow also provide a great opportunity to consider organizing or participating in a neighbourhood spring clean up. It is important for all of us in Ward 2 to do our part in keeping our communities clean. Furthermore, if you see uncleanliness in your neighbourhoods, please feel free to contact 311 or my office.

**Crowchild Trail Study**

Thousands of residents in Ward 2 utilize Crowchild Trail every day. The City of Calgary is currently conducting a study that will identify short, medium and long-term upgrades for Crowchild Trail between 24 Ave. N.W. to 17 Ave S.W. Your input is crucial to the future of this important roadway. Calgarians are invited to drop-in at one of several open houses on:

- Thursday, March 10, 5 to 8 p.m. Red and White Club, McMahon Stadium 1833 Crowchild Tr. N.W.
- Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Queen Elizabeth Sr. High School 512 18 St. N.W.



**Animal Trivia**

**A bird requires more food in proportion to its size than a baby or a cat.**

Visit calgary.ca/crowchild for event details and other opportunities to provide your input as they become available.

**Year in Review Newsletter**

In many coffee shops around Ward 2 you will find my “Year in Review” newsletter. It is important for me to keep you informed on current events and projects going on in Ward 2, but it is also important to look back at the progress we made together as a community on roads, parks, and other issues that are important to you. The “Year in Review” newsletter can be found in hard copy at coffee shops throughout Ward 2 and also online at www.joemagliocca.com.

**Joes Tip:**

**Download the 311 Calgary Mobile App** - By downloading the 311 Calgary mobile app you can connect directly with The City to submit a service request at any time of day. With the 311 Calgary mobile app, you have the option to attach a photo to your request, use your smartphone’s GPS function to allow the app to detect your location and have the ability to track the status of your request using the auto generated service request number. Visit www.calgary.ca for more details.



The Symons Valley Players present  
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**YOU'RE GUESTS ARE GHOSTS**  
 by John Vornholt  
 May 12-15 2016  
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**Ticket Information**  
 Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> with Dessert at 7:00 pm, doors open 6:30 pm - Tickets: \$27 each (Table of 4 - \$108)  
 Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> with Chicken Dinner & Dessert at 6:30 pm, doors open 6:00 pm - Tickets: \$30 each (Table of 4 - \$120)  
 Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> with Roast Beef Dinner & Dessert at 6:30 pm, doors open 6:00 pm - Tickets: \$30 each (Table of 4 - \$120)  
 Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> with Dessert at 2:00 pm, doors open at 1:30 pm - Tickets: \$27 each (Table of 4 - \$108)

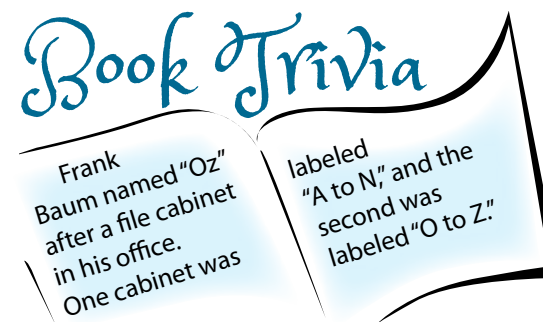
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**Book Trivia**

Frank Baum named "Oz" after a file cabinet One cabinet was labeled "A to N," and the second was labeled "O to Z:"

**IN & AROUND CALGARY**

**EMS: Burns and Scalds**

Alberta Health Services EMS paramedics respond to a number of emergencies where a young child has sustained severe burns, or scalds. These incidents often occur inside the child’s own home. Common causes include: a child accidentally tipping hot liquids onto themselves, touching a hot surface, or making contact with an electrical outlet. Fortunately, incidents such as these can be avoided by taking preventative measures.

**Degrees of burn**

- 1°:** Affects only the top layers of the skin; appears red like a sun burn; discomfort is generally tolerable;
- 2°:** Deeper and much more painful than 1°burns; broken skin or blisters commonly develop;
- 3°:** Severe: the deepest layers of skin and tissue are injured; may appear charred or leathery.

**First Aid for burns**

- Skin may continue to burn if not aggressively cooled. Immediately douse burns with large amounts of cold water.
- Cover the burn with a sterile dressing, or any clean material to protect from infection;
- Over the counter medications may be used for pain. Adhere to directions given on the label;
- Seek further medical attention, as required.

**Prevention of burns**

- Check the temperature of your hot water tank. Temperatures as high as 60°C / 140°F will scald a child in just seconds;
- Use placemats instead of tablecloths. Tablecloths can be yanked downward causing hot drinks, or food to spill on a child;
- Turn pot handles to the back of the stove and ensure cords from kettles, slow cookers, and other electrical appliances cannot be reached;
- Avoid picking up a child while holding any hot liquids;
- Ensure electrical outlets are made secure by installing commercially available safety devices which prohibit access;
- If able, have children avoid the kitchen area while appliances are operational.
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I am happy to announce that we have secured some space for our constituency office at the Dalbrent Professional Centre, right across 52 Ave from Sir Winston Churchill High School. We hope you will come to our official grand opening in the very near future.

In late January, at his request, we submitted to the Infrastructure Minister a short list of much needed near term capital projects in our riding. I hope to gain clarity on where these projects lie on the government's priority list. Our list was based on what we have heard from many constituents and community associations. These submissions included several new schools in the communities north of Stoney Trail and improvements to the existing interchange at Stoney and Shaganappi Trails. We separately sent a letter requesting a meeting with the Transport Minister to discuss the final implementation of the full interchange at Stoney and Shaganappi Trails. We eagerly await announcements after the new budget is presented in early March.

While there are other concerns about the Alberta economy, we can report that one source of industry uncertainty was removed when the royalty review panel recommended no changes to Alberta's current energy royalty structure.

January and February saw the days finally getting longer, with people anticipating their prospects for a better year. We thoroughly enjoyed attending as many skating parties and Lunar Year of the Monkey events as we possibly could. Participating in events like these is the best part of this job!

**MARCH MOON CALENDAR**



Last Quarter March 1 & 2  
New Moon March 8  
First Quarter March 15  
Full Moon March 23  
Last Quarter March 31

# Mine, yours, ours – a couple of financial planning tips for new couples

Suzanne Smith-Demers – Consultant

Once there was just you – now there are two. You've joined with a partner to share your life and love and that's good. As a new couple, here is what you should know about how to equitably manage your finances.

As a married or common law couple, the integration of your financial lives must be fair and match your lifestyle together. It is wise to disclose assets, financial commitments (such as loans) and credit history.

Here's some items to consider that will help start the conversation:

- Who will manage day-to-day finances, who will manage overall financial affairs and how much input does each partner want?

- Should bank accounts, credit cards and investments be merged or remain separate?
- Do you have a new will? Wills drafted prior to marriage usually become invalid.
- What happens to your mortgage, life insurance and income if either of you dies or becomes unable to work due to an accident or illness?
- What should go into your domestic contract? Especially if one partner brings significant assets into the relationship and/or if children or past spouses are involved.

Make your decisions with a clear understanding of tax and legal implications and if you are bringing significant assets into the marriage, speak to a family lawyer or mediator about the financial implications and how best to protect your assets.

Although couples must file separate individual tax returns, there are many tax-planning strategies that can reduce your total tax bill now and in the future. Take advantage of all your deductions and income-splitting opportunities.

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# YYC and NAV CANADA Open House Meetings December 2015 and January 2016

Several representatives from YYC and NAV CANADA hosted open houses this past December and January to communicate proposed changes to current flight paths at the north and south ends of the city (RNP Approaches). We would like to thank YYC, NAV CANADA and everyone who came out to learn and voice concerns.

These open houses were focused on RNP flight paths, but the key interest to many attendees was the original 2014 flight path changes, and seeking options to address the noise impact that high frequency, low flying planes are having on communities.

The following are two options that were frequently voiced, and ideas we would like to have further discussions with NAV and YYC to reduce the constant impact to West Calgary communities:

1. Spread the flights out across many communities rather than substantially impacting just some (similar to the previously spread out paths prior to 2014). As global aviation transitions to concentrated flight paths, this is the direction NAV CANADA is instructed to proceed. Therefore, the "spread out" solution is currently not being explored. We believe this is the fairest long-term solution to this issue, which is occurring in many cities across Canada and the world.
2. Utilize less populated areas for flights when possible.

NAV CANADA stated this is difficult for our area due to the conflict between arriving and departing flights. NAV CANADA's explanation was difficult to visualize and understand. We would like to see fully explored studies involving this.

Attendees brought up the topic of legal compensation if a solution was not identified. Lawsuits exist in the US over the introduction of concentrated flight paths, and legal settlements have been awarded in Europe. To avoid this, YYC is very open to hearing concerns and suggestions. A satisfactory outcome is more likely if **residents actively vocalize their concerns**. To do this, visit [www.yyc.com](http://www.yyc.com) or [www.wcatc.ca](http://www.wcatc.ca).

A solution is required, as air traffic over West Calgary will increase in the future. This is not an easy issue, but it is not impossible to come to a fair compromise to solve the negative effects of air space change. This will require the aviation industry to listen to communities, achieve a better understanding of life under concentrated flight paths, to fully understand the effects on physical/mental health, and the real cost to property/domestic life. We encourage NAV CANADA to become world leaders in this and successfully find safe solutions for everyone in the air, as well as on the ground.

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