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Total Bylaw Public Service Requests (SRs) for MONTGOMERY

Service Requests Created between Apr 1, 2016 and Apr 30, 2016

MONTGOMERY SR Types	SR Count	% of Total Community
Bylaw - Material on Public Property	7	21.2%
Bylaw - Untidy Private Property Concerns	6	18.2%
Bylaw Patrol (Private)	5	15.2%
Bylaw - Property Maintenance Concerns	5	15.2%
Animal / Bylaw - Information Request	3	9.1%
Bylaw - Disturbance and Behavioural Concerns	3	9.1%
Bylaw - Permit - Noise Exemption	1	3.0%
Bylaw - Vehicle Concerns	1	3.0%
Bylaw - Waste and Recycling Infractions	1	3.0%
Corporate - Graffiti Concerns	1	3.0%
Total Bylaw SRs for MONTGOMERY	33	100.0%
Total Bylaw SRs for Ward 1	315	



311 Top 5 Public Service Requests (SRs) for MONTGOMERY

Service Requests Created between Apr 1, 2016 and Apr 30, 2016

Top 5 SR Types for MONTGOMERY	SR Count	% of Total Community
z - Finance - Property Tax Account Inquiry	12	4.8%
Roads - Dead Animal Pick-Up	10	4.0%
Pool - Shouldice	9	3.6%
AS - Animal at Large	8	3.2%
AS - Lost and Found Animal	8	3.2%
CBS Inspection - SCP - New Home	8	3.2%
Finance - TIPP Agreement Request	8	3.2%
Total Top 5 SR Types	63	25.4%
Total Other SRs	185	74.6%
Total SRs for MONTGOMERY	248	100%
Total SRs for Ward 1	2,657	
% of Total Ward 1	9%	



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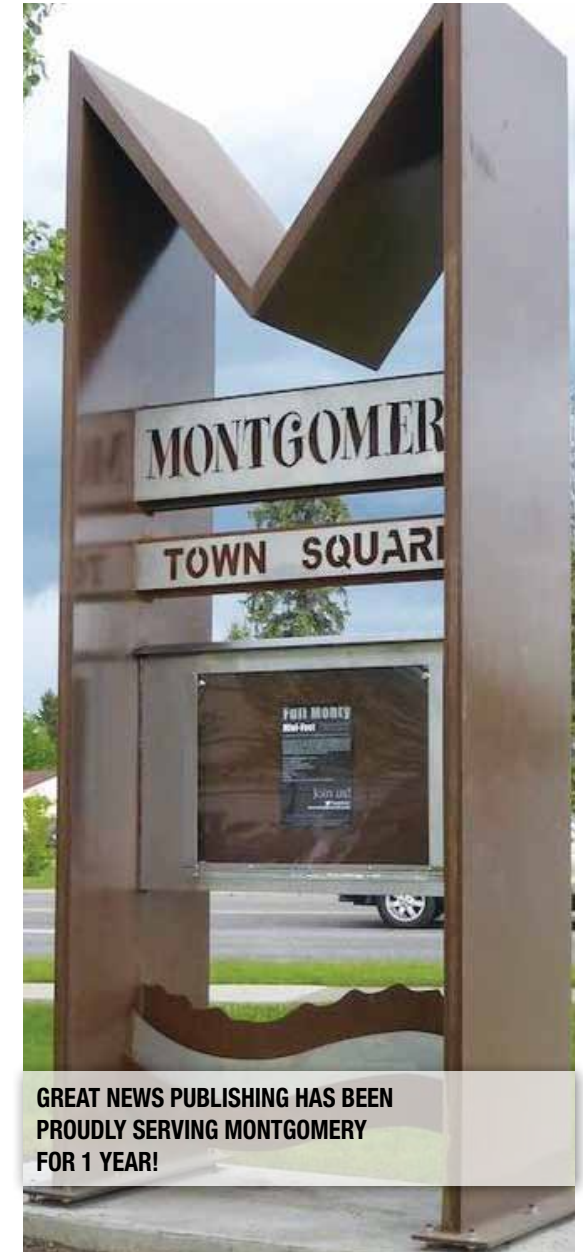
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MCA CLEANUP

*MCA Cleanup George:
George McMullen kicked community pickups into high gear!*



*MCA Cleanup Treasures
Many found some gems to take home!*



We even had a mother and son team all the way from Mexico City!

*MCA Cleanup Fun:
Dancing is permitted, even encouraged!*



MCA Cleanup Mexico City

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

At the May Board meeting, we said good-bye to our Community Liaison Officer, Dylan Harris. While Dylan is remaining in the District, he has been reassigned. Dylan has been with the community for four years and worked closely with the Community Safety Initiatives Committee on projects like the Graffiti Abatement, Community Safety Presentations, important numbers magnet, and in identifying problematic areas within the community and taking steps to improve safety within our community. Our new Community Liaison Officer, Damian Price, will be introduced at our June Board meeting.

The 16th Avenue beautification project is moving forward. Drawings were shared at the Board meeting and again at an open house on June 1st. I hope everyone had a chance to see the design elements for this stretch of 16th Avenue. If not, I believe they will still be on the City of Calgary website at calgary.ca/16AveandHomeRoad. I want to thank the City of Calgary project team for all of their work on this upgrade.

I attended the Northwest Sanitary Trunk opening on May 7. It was fascinating to hear about the construction and the science behind the trunk line. The City has completed the landscaping around the area and will leave the fence in place until the grass has been established – likely by late Summer/early Fall.

Shouldice Park is holding its opening on May 28th. Details next month!

The community garden is for members only. If you are interested in joining the garden please contact the community centre. It is one of a very few true “community” garden spaces as most communities rent plots to individuals. This means that it is a shared work space and I know that the gardeners spend a lot of time planning, preparing, planting, tending, and weeding. Please enjoy the view but if you would like to harvest please join and help in the work.

Wishing everyone a safe end to the school year.

Marilyn

Calgary



16 Avenue and Home Road N.W. Upgrade Information Session

The City of Calgary is presenting a revised design to the community for upgrades at 16 Avenue N.W. between 46 Street and 49 Street.

After reviewing all of the feedback from our online discussion forum and the open house in November 2015, we have revised our design for the upgrades and would like to share it with the community. The design aims to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers, while also improving and enhancing the look of the streetscape.

Please join us!

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Montgomery Community Association
5003 16 Avenue N.W.

For more information please visit:
calgary.ca/16AveandHomeRoad or call 311.



PLANNING REPORT

New Permits

Here are the Land Use Amendments and Development Permits that the Planning Committee has reviewed over the past several weeks: LOC2016-0103 at 5107 18 Av NW (R-C1 to R-C1s); DP2016-0524 at 2816 Montalban Crescent NW (Contextual Single Family); DP2016-1426 at 4827 23 Av NW (Semi-Detached).

TCH Beautification and Upgrades

The 16th AV NW and Home Road Upgrades and Beautification project is proceeding. The City has picked up on a number of ideas we presented earlier in the year and have hired a Landscape Architect to develop a design for a portion of 16th Avenue that bisects the community. The design is elegantly simple and picks up on the theme of ‘The River’ with undulating patterns of river rock and rundle stone in the median, some tall grasses in the wider portions of the median, smooth patterns on the sidewalk, and lots of aspen planned along the fence line. In addition to the landscaping there will be some new lighting along with colourful banners. The preliminary 3D drawings looked great. This will be a beautiful entry into the City and into Montgomery.

Janice Mackett
Planning Committee Chair



Thinking about a yard improvement project?

Garages, decks, fences and even driveway widening are just some of the projects that often require a permit.

“Before you pay for materials, hire a contractor, or do it yourself, we encourage you to visit calgary.ca/homeimprovement or get in touch with us here at The City,” says Jamie Fandrich,

Planning Services Technician at The City of Calgary. Fandrich is part of the team that helps Calgarians understand Alberta’s safety codes and City bylaws on the phone and in person at the Municipal Building. The latest resource Fandrich’s team uses to educate Calgarians on development and building regulations is the webpage calgary.ca/homeimprovement, which allows anyone interested in doing a renovation to browse popular home renovation topics for bylaw and permit information, property

and land designation, drawings and forms they will need to complete their home renovation.

“It can sometimes be difficult to understand when you need a permit and what City bylaws might impact your project – we’re here to help guide you through the process,” Fandrich says.

Planning, development, licence or permit question? Visit calgary.ca/homeimprovement or call and visit Planning Services.

Planning Services

Monday through Friday (closed holidays)
8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Call centre: 403-268-5311

Permit counter: 3rd Floor Municipal building, 800 Macleod Tr SE

New City maps available

Introducing two new maps to The City of Calgary Map Gallery: Spring Activities in Calgary and My Property in Calgary.



The **Spring Activities in Calgary Map** (<http://maps.calgary.ca/spring/>) is a story map that shows you locations of and information for City golf courses, parks and facilities, pathway routes, park n’ bike, skateparks, sailing, City swimming pools, leisure centres and spring events. Look for more information in upcoming Spring in Calgary promotional campaigns or go to www.calgary.ca/spring.

The new and improved **myProperty Map** (<http://maps.calgary.ca/myProperty/>) provides you with the ability to view rich location-based information including property details, development and building permit details (for last three years), land use designation, as well as zoning information for any property in Calgary. This map also highlights the quadrant, community and ward where the property is located, as well as links to the appropriate Councillor information and City planning policies.

Find these maps, along with 25+ others, in The City of Calgary Map Gallery at maps.calgary.ca.



Everyone is welcome at the community garden!

Montgomery Community Garden

The Montgomery Community Garden is accepting new members for the 2016 season!

The garden members meet regularly and have organized work parties. All members contribute equally to the gardening work and share in the harvest. No gardening experience necessary!

An annual membership costs \$20 (plus an MCA membership). There are a limited number of memberships available on a first-come, first-served basis. To join or find out more, email montgomerygardenNW@gmail.com

www.mcapeople.ca/do/community-garden



Humpty's Spring Volunteer

Lindsay McLaren is our Humpty's Volunteer of Spring! Lindsay was both surprised and delighted by the honour.

She shouldn't have been surprised. Lindsay has been volunteering her whole life. In fact when I asked her when she first started volunteering she answered, "It's much easier to talk about the last ten years."

She is on the Board of The Alberta Public Health Association, past secretary for the Montgomery Community Association, served 4 years, and past Board Member for the Roadrunners Club (the running association not the bird) where she served for about 3 years.

When asked why she volunteers so much Lindsay answered, "To create work/life balance." Which seems counter intuitive but Lindsay went on to explain, "In my job it's easy to fall into the habit of working all the time. Having a volunteer position gives me something different to put my time and energy into".

Lindsay is all about work life balance and honours the commitments she makes but realizes even for good causes life can be pulled out of balance.

"Though I enjoyed being a member of the Board, I felt like I was starting to experience 'slow death by meetings', and felt, at the end of my term, that it was time to move on," she shared. And that can be applied to volunteering for one organization/cause; it does not have to go on forever.

Montgomery continues to benefit from Lindsay's wonderful community spirit. Congratulations on being the Humpty's Volunteer for Spring Lindsay.



On behalf of Community Standards & Waste and Recycling Services

Thank you Montgomery

Congratulations on a successful **Community Cleanup** on May 7, 2016.

The weights collected for this year:

- Garbage: 12490 kgs**
- Organics: 2720 kgs**
- Total: 15210 kgs**

Thank you to the Community Association and residents for your commitment to help create healthy, safe and vibrant communities.

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Wildlife of Bowmont Park

I've little pink fingers and little pink toes,
A stubby little tail and a little blunt nose.

I burrow in the meadow where the green grass grows,
Bustling, rustling...busy little toes!

I tunnel through the grasses, I tunnel underground,
I tunnel till I'm tucked away, safe and sound.
I'm furry, brown and white; I scurry round and round,
Then rest within my nest below the cool, dark ground.

I nibble on the grass and I nibble on the seeds,
I nibble sitting upright among the plants and weeds.
I nibble in the daytime, I nibble in the night,
In fact, I nibble more or less on everything in sight!

Who Am I?

Turn page upside-down for answer!

I'm a Meadow Vole

2016 MCA Casino

Our regular Casino is coming up on September 3 and 4 at Cowboys Casino. This is a major source of income for the Community Association which helps us maintain and operate the Community Centre along with our community programs

There are typically 18 months between casinos and, as always, we need volunteers to help. This is a great opportunity to meet people and make a huge impact to your community. No experience is necessary and training will be provided. All positions are still available:

- Banker
- Cashier
- Chip Runner
- Count Room

If you would like to come out & volunteer, please contact the Community at 403-247-3116 mcac@telus.net or myself at russel.ens@telus.net. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Russel Ens
Casino Chair

SSASPG

The South Shaganappi Area Strategic Planning Group is a group of community representatives and stakeholders that meet on a monthly basis to inform and respond to a number of institutional and infrastructure development projects in the area.

A presentation was given to the group by City of Calgary, Transportation Infrastructure providing more detailed information regarding the redevelopment of the 29 Street/16 Avenue NW intersection. The goal of the upgrade is to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, and provide improved access to key destinations. This is to be accomplished by widening 16 Avenue to six lanes from 19 Street to 29 Street, providing dual turn lanes in each direction, constructing a roundabout at Uxbridge Drive and Ulster Road, providing a free flow lane from 16 Avenue eastbound onto southbound 29 Street to the Foothills Hospital, and traffic signal upgrades. It is anticipated that construction will take place over two seasons. 2016 will focus on the widening of 16 Avenue with work also being completed on underground utilities and water main upgrades. In 2017 the construction of the roundabout will be completed as well as the turn lanes and traffic signals. It is anticipated that any required road closures will take place at night or during non rush hour periods.

The City of Calgary hosted a workshop on April 9, 2016 that was open to the public to attend. The goal was to share ideas and concepts regarding changes to the south end of Shaganappi Trail. The results have been reviewed by the project team and are now available on the City's website at <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/southshaganappistudy/>.

Cadillac Fairview received development permit approval for the expansion to the west side of Market Mall and as such construction work in the former Target space is underway.

The Brentwood Care Centre held an official ground breaking ceremony on April 29, 2016 for the construction of the new building. Anticipated completion date for this project is the Spring of 2018.

The University District, in conjunction with The University of Calgary as part of their 50th Anniversary celebrations, held a street naming celebration on April 30, 2016. The event was held along the future University Avenue. Commemorative signs were presented to all of the Chancellors, and/or their representatives who were in attendance.

Rhonda Zander
Planning Committee Member

Construction Notice

East Bowmont Natural Environment Park Project

Introduction

The City has started construction of the East Bowmont Natural Environment Park. Phase one involves the construction of stormwater ponds in East Bowmont Park. Work will begin in November 2015 and is expected to be complete in winter 2017.

Construction impacts

Traffic

The access road to the construction site is located at the intersection of Home Road and 32 AV NW. Flag persons will be onsite to ensure heavy construction traffic can safely enter and exit the site. There will be an increase in construction traffic along Home Road NW. Beginning in late November a heavy volume of trucks will be removing fill from the site. This excess fill cannot be utilized onsite. The trucking will take place between 8 am and 5pm, Monday to Saturday for approximately five weeks.

Safety

The work sites will be fenced off and restricted to construction personnel. For your safety, please do not enter the fenced-off construction area.

Noise/Dust

We recognize that construction creates additional dust and noise. We ask for your patience as we work to minimize the impact to neighbouring residents. The contractor adheres to The City's Community Standards Bylaw, for hours of operation, material storage and construction best practices, including dust mitigation.

More information

For more information about this project please visit calgary.ca/bowmontpark or call 311.

A New Festival in BowMont!

BBQ on the Bow is happy to announce that it will be moving to the Montgomery Community Centre September 3 and 4, 2016. In its 24th year, BBQ on the Bow is Canada's oldest Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS) sanctioned festival.

The event is open to the public and together with the BBQ competition, features a Kid's Que competition, food demo, beer garden and live local music, among other activities. BBQ will be available for purchase from onsite vendors.

Saturday's events will include a Chef's Choice category, where the cooks can hand in anything from lamb to salmon or any other meat of their choice, and use any garnish. These creative offerings are truly outstanding. The Kid's Que is open to kids 15 and under (with adult supervision – but no help). The kids compete in two categories: pork chops and hot dogs.

Sunday is the main competition featuring teams from across Canada and the United States. Each team competes in four categories: chicken, pork ribs, pork shoulder, and beef brisket. All categories over the weekend are judged by a team of KCBS certified judges. The winning team, also known as the Grand Champion, will go on to compete at the Kansas City Royal BBQ Competition Invitational and will be entered into a draw to compete at the Jack Daniels competition. Previous winners of BBQ on the Bow have gone on to do very well at these prestigious events.

New teams are always welcome. For more information please go to www.bbqonthebow.com.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is recognized on June 15. During Seniors' Week conversation cafes about elder abuse, its incidence, impact on community and resources for Calgarians will be held around Calgary.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day events culminate in a public gathering at Olympic Plaza on June 15, from noon to 1 p.m. Join with other Calgarians to listen to speakers and raise the public awareness about elder abuse. Bring your lunch and wear purple to show your support.

Visit calgary.ca/seniorsweek for event information.

Bowmont Natural Environment Park

16th Annual Photo Contest Entry Form

The Bowmont Natural Environment Park Committee is looking for your best shots taken in Bowmont Natural Environment Park. Photos will be judged by experienced photographers.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Scenic Views—scenic landscape views of the park

Flora-- trees, shrubs, grasses or flowers

Wildlife--Animals in the park (not including domestic animals)

Environmental Issues--Damage within the park (excluding private property)

Park Users--People enjoying the park (submit their permission using a consent form)

Best of Show--Best photo in the show!

CONTEST RULES

- Contest is open to all amateur photographers. All photos must be taken within Bowmont Natural Environment Park between January 1, 2016 and October 31, 2016.
- Entry deadline is **November 6, 2016**.
- Photos submitted **MUST** be accompanied by the contest Photo Release Waiver or will be disqualified.
- Some restrictions regarding prizes may apply.
- Only two entries per category may be submitted.
- Submissions must be good quality 4" x 6" prints (no slides) with entry form attached. Please do not write on the back of your photos.
- Please email a digital version if available of photos (JPEG file) to lknight@hopewell.com prior to entry deadline.
- Photos submitted will not be returned to the entrant. They will remain with the committee for reproduction and use as per the Photo Release Waiver form.



HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES:

- Attach one entry form to each photograph you submit with the following information:

Your name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I have read and followed the Contest Rules (signature): _____

Indicate category: Scenic Views Flora Wildlife
 Environmental Issues Park Users

- Give your photograph a Title: _____

- Attach the completed Photo Release Waiver

- Attach a Consent Form (for Park User category only).

- Submit your entries at Bowness, Montgomery, Silver Springs or Varsity Community Centre offices

Additional entry forms and the contest Photo Release Waiver and Consent Form are available at these Community Centre Offices, on the MCA website at www.mcapeople.ca/2015/bowmont-park-photo-contest/ or by e-mail request to lknight@hopewell.com.

For more information, contact:
 Community Volunteer Linda Knight
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PLEASE INDICATE ANY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN. Thank You.

MCA Volunteer Opportunities

It should be noted that some categories may not have openings at this time, however individuals may be interested in the following possibilities:

Committees:

- Community Garden
- Planning
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- History —Community Pride and Revitalization (CPR)

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- Children's events (e.g. Kids Carnival, Winter Fest, Jelly Bean Dance, Playgroup)
- Senior's programs (e.g. Seniors' Social, Triple A)
- Special Events (e.g. Noktoberfest)
- Sports programs (e.g. Soccer, Soccer Banquet)
- Community Clean-up
- Fall Fair
- History project
- Fundraising (MCA Casino)
- Other (e.g. Volunteer Recruitment, Memberships)



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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Calgary: City of Animals, this year's U. of C. community forum, brought together Canadian scholars in history, animal studies, and geography to explore the roles that animals play. The fur trade, cattle ranching, and the Stampede are part of our history. So too is our relationship with animals and it is interesting to adopt that perspective about our shared spaces, as well as the city's past, present, and future.

We categorize urban animals in different ways, as wild and domestic, livestock, companions, and entertainers. Have you thought of how your interaction with animals shapes Calgary and traces were left on geography, and identity? Consider the routes animals take and the places where they live. We can learn more about viewing the city as an ecosystem, that includes animal life, and see/be humans as "one animal" among many in the urban environment.

Shelley Alexander, a lead in the Candid Conservation Science Lab, made a study of human-wildlife conflict, especially wolves and coyotes, both in the field and using a geographical information system (GIS). Sean Kheraj is co-editor at niche-canada.org of Nature's Past: Canadian Environmental History Podcast. Susan Nance, who studies entertainment, communication, performance, and historical animal life, is associated with animal welfare. For information you can go to: www.facebook.com/CalgaryInstitute.

You can become a Parks volunteer and help take care of natural areas, off-leash areas, parks, green spaces, playgrounds, pathways, trees; conduct research; and provide park users with interpretive experiences. Individuals commit six shifts per season. For example at Nose

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Friends,

With summer just around the corner, we are all looking forward to being out in the sun. I am also looking forward to meeting more members of the Calgary-Varsity communities. My staff and I have been going door-to-door to hear from you. Your thoughts and feedback are key and we thank you. If we miss you at home, please be sure to come find us at the Triwood Farmers Market every Tuesday from 3-7pm starting June 7. It will be great to spend more time in Calgary-Varsity with the legislative session wrapping up in the early part of June.

This session has been busy, with the budget, and with many key pieces of legislation coming forward. It has also been very rewarding, reminding me daily as to why I stood for this office.

As Status of Women Minister I lead the celebration of 100 years of women's suffrage. We invited women from across the province to join us in recreating, on the steps of the Legislature, the iconic photo from 1916 that marked the point in History when some women gained their right to vote. It took many more decades for the franchise to be extended to all Albertans. We were proud to host Lisa Turner, Co-chair of the West Dalhousie playground committee as our guest from Calgary-Varsity on this important day. It is truly impressive to meet such dedicated people in Calgary-Varsity. The spirit of our community is strong.

I rose in the house earlier this session to deliver my maiden speech to the legislature. This was a chance to share with the people of Alberta more about me, my values and goals. It also was a chance for me to also share the story of Calgary-Varsity. It is an honour to represent our great neighbourhoods.

Here is a short excerpt from my speech:
I would be remiss if I failed to mention the very families that inhabit Calgary-Varsity, new and young, and the many seniors who raised their families in Calgary's northwest. Our seniors in Varsity maintain our community and our sense of neighbourhood and family. Our seniors in Varsity are vibrant and active. They're strong advocates for our constitu-

ency and our province. Our seniors have witnessed where we have been, where we are and have a strong sense of what will take us boldly into the future. The bedrock of our province, the information keepers and wisdom givers, our seniors in Calgary-Varsity keep us a family and community.

The second week of June marks Seniors' Week. This time is meant to shine a light on the important role that our elders play in community. To celebrate and honour our seniors, I will be hosting a Tea. It will take place on June 3 from 11am to noon. We will discuss issues that affect elders in our community and provide an update from the Ministry of Seniors. Please join us at our office #101, 5403 Crowchild Trail, on this occasion.

Our office serves the people of Calgary-Varsity, who live in the communities of Varsity, Dalhousie, Brentwood, University Heights, Montgomery, Banff Trail and Charleswood (Triwood). Our team is available to talk to constituents about provincial government departments, programs, scrolls, and services. Please visit us in our office and let us know how we can help you. If you are interested in our electronic newsletter please send an email to Calgary.varsity@assembly.ab.ca to sign up.

Friends of Nose Hill ...cont'd

Hill Park, you will greet visitors; offer information; present "biofacts"; lead interpretive activities; and promote Parks programs.

If you are looking for a volunteer project for your company or group, join the Parks Environmental Team on a green initiative project, such as invasive species (weed) pulls, painting projects, playground renewals, and more.

Volunteers of all backgrounds, abilities, and experience are invited to contribute. Once accepted, volunteers receive orientation, training, and support. To apply, call 311 or email: parksvolunteer@calgary.ca.

Don't forget there will be public cleanups of Nose Hill on June 18 and July 30 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet at the Edgemont Parking lot (Edgemont Blvd. and Shaganappi Tr. NW) These are P.U.P.P.Y. events with Parks staff and volunteers who help park users pick up.



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Carbon Tax on the tax?

The Provincial Government has announced a carbon tax that will come into effect in 2017. There will be a carbon tax on your home heating bills and your transportation bills. Unfortunately, this same tax will apply to the City's transit, police, and fire departments. This tax will add \$6M to the operating budget.

This may affect Calgary Transit's service hours, which are already stretched thin due to decreased ridership. Other options may be to increase transit fare or add ½% to Calgarians' property taxes. The City is already undertaking measures to help reduce its carbon footprint. We have a CTrain line that's fully powered by wind-generated electricity. Since 2013, The City has been investing in greener buses. The Calgary Police has issued an idle-free campaign.

Provincial Property Tax

On your upcoming property tax bill, there are two components noted - the City's portion and the Province's portion. City Council has decreased its property tax hike from 4.7% to 3.5% this year. I will be advocating for zero hikes in 2017/2018. The Province has issued a 10.2% increase in its education/property tax. We were expecting an increase under the current economic environment, but certainly not as extreme a one. Unfortunately, this means that when the property tax hikes from the City and the Province are combined, homeowners face a **total** tax hike of 6.1%, which equals about \$170 in 2016 instead of \$60.

I can appreciate the difficult times many Calgarians are experiencing, and truly believe we have a responsibility to respond by lowering taxes. As The City we do not run an operating deficit and nor should we. You have my continued commitment to challenge administration and advocate prudent financial governance.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

How safe is your backyard fire pit?

Backyard fire pits are great places to gather and share good times in Calgary's summer months, but these great times can quickly become tragic if you aren't safe.

The City of Calgary has bylaw standards to help minimize some of the dangers of your backyard fire pit, or outdoor fireplace, wood burning oven or chimneys. The Calgary Fire Department also has a number of tips to help prevent anyone from getting hurt.

Safety tips and bylaw regulations

- Backyard fire pits should be built into the ground, on brick or stone, or in a fire-resistant container.
- Portable fire pits may be used on a deck as long as they sit on brick or stone, and not directly on your wooden deck.
- Fire pits must be at least two metres away from your property line, house, garage, or fence.
- Fire pits must not be under any trees, branches, plants or other materials that can catch fire.
- Always have a way to put out the fire close to your fire pit. Easy options are your watering hose or a bucket of water.
- All fires in your fire pit must be kept to a reasonable size; under 1 metre high and wide. This helps ensure the fire's embers, sparks or smoke do not harm anyone or cause a nuisance to neighbouring properties.
- All fires in your fire pit must be continually supervised.
- Fires may only be burned in fire pits from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m., unless prohibited in a fire ban.

Do not burn:

- Painted, treated or lumber containing glue or resin
- Wet, or green/fresh cut wood
- Yard waste (cut grass or leaves)
- Garbage
- Rubber
- Plastic
- Furniture

Always check www.calgary.ca/firebans to ensure no fire bans are in effect, which may caution against or forbid using fire pits. Remember, you can be fined from \$500 to \$5,000 for not following Calgary's fire pit bylaws (5M2004) or the instructions of fire bans. Learn more about Calgary fire pit safety and Bylaws by visiting calgary.ca and searching the term 'fire pits'.



APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Date of Application: _____
 Mailing address: _____ Postal Code: _____
 Phone number(s): _____ E-mail: _____
 Describe your project: _____

 Date(s) your project will take place: _____
 Where will your project be held? _____
 Who will work with you to plan and organize this project? _____

 How will you involve other people to participate in this project? _____

 How will your project make Bowness better? _____

 What will your project cost in total? _____
 How much grant money are you requesting? _____
 What will you spend the grant on? (Please list specific items and their costs) _____

 How will you share and celebrate your project? _____

Calling All BABYSITTERS
 Enroll free at mybabysitter.ca and choose the Calgary communities you would like to babysit in.

Calling All PARENTS
 Visit mybabysitter.ca and find available babysitters in and around your community.

Announcing the Ripples Grant

The ripples from a pebble tossed in a pond can go a long way. Ripples Grants of 100 to 600 dollars are intended to do the same thing by supporting resident-initiated ideas. Have you been thinking about something that would enrich Montgomery? Fill out the application below or online www.bowwest.com/ripples-application/.

Contact the community centre for more information (403-247-3116; manager@mcapeople.ca). These grants are made available through the kind support of the United Way, The Calgary Foundation, and local organizations.

MAKE YOUR GREAT IDEA HAPPEN

WHAT IS RIPPLES?

- A small grant for projects that build community
- For residents of Bowness, Montgomery and Greenwood Village
- Applications accepted on an ongoing basis and reviewed by peers

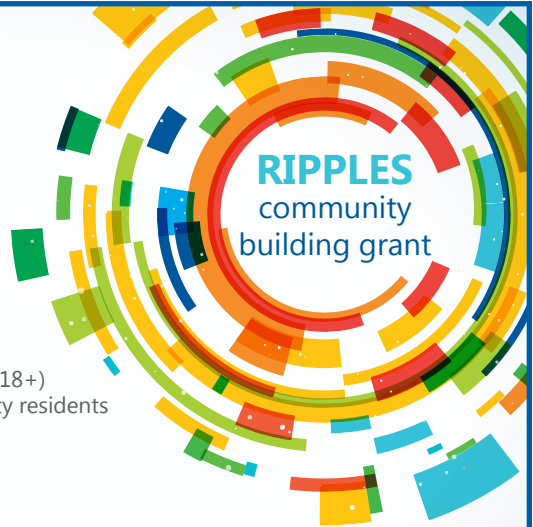
WHO CAN APPLY?

- Individuals and resident community groups
- Youth are encouraged to apply (1 member must be 18+)
- Agencies are not eligible but can support community residents with their projects

To apply please visit:

www.bowwest.com/ripples-application

or contact us at ripples@bowwest.com



WHAT KIND OF FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

Funding for short term projects from \$50 to \$600

WHAT ARE PAST RIPPLES PROJECTS?

Skill Sharing • Neighbourhood Events • Workshops
• Community Clean Ups • Community Gardens •
Performing and Visual Arts Projects • Drop In Activities

WHAT PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

Projects that:

- Are new initiatives
- Are held in a public location
- Benefit to the whole community
- Build a sense of belonging and create community connections

GRANT REQUIREMENTS & RESTRICTIONS

- Funds cannot be used for salaries/wages or alcohol
- Receipts are required at the end of the project
- Funds must be spent within 6 months
- Sharing your project's story

GET STARTED!

- Be creative!
- Invite people to brainstorm
- Plan your project using the application form www.bowwest.com/ripples-application

GET INVOLVED WITH RIPPLES!

The Ripples Grant Committee meets to discuss and make decisions on the applications.

We strive to represent our diverse community so if you are interested in being a member, e-mail ripples@bowwest.com.

