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Calgary Date of Community Standards & Waste and Recycling Services Date of Community Standards & Waste and Recycling Services Date of Community Standards & Waste and Recycling Services Date of Community Cleanup on May 6th, 2017. The weights collected for this year: Date is 2330 kg Date: 22380 kg Date: 22380 kg Date: 22380 kg Date: 22380 kg



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PLANNING **COMMITTEE REPORT**

New Permits

Here are the most recent permit applications that the Planning Committee reviewed:

- LOC2017-0137 at 120 Home Road NW: Proposed Land Use Amendment from R-C1 to R-CG (Residential -Grade-Oriented Infill District)
- DP2017-2372 at 2003 49 ST NW: Proposed New Semidetached dwelling and Garage
- DP2017-1894 at 2111 52 ST NW: Site Plan Changes and Addition to Maranatha Church
- LOC2017-0114: Proposed Land Use Amendment from C-COR2 to DC Direct Control to accommodate flexibility for the commercial use area with guidelines

Spot Rezoning

If you've been attending any of the Main Streets engagement sessions you may have noticed a new zoning district called Residential - Ground Oriented. This zoning allows for a higher density of residential units than is allowed in R-C2. After months of work by City Planners and in consultation with our community, our ARP was amended recently to incorporate this new district. You'll see it along parts of Bowness Road NW and 19th AVE NW that are part of the Main Streets initiative.

With a large piece of property, an owner might be tempted to rezone their R-C1 or R-C2 land to R-CG. Perhaps they want to maximize the development on their site by building a tri-plex. Perhaps they feel their property can support a higher density because it's larger than the norm. Perhaps they feel it wouldn't be out of character with adjacent residential developments.

The Montgomery ARP, however, does not support this kind of 'spot' rezoning. Property in R-C1 zoned areas must remain R-C1: the same with R-C2 and other land use districts. Individual properties within one land use district cannot be rezoned to another land use.

Well-designed new developments with high quality materials and good landscaping are encouraged and expected. But the Planning Committee will uphold the guidelines and intent of the ARP and cannot support spot rezonina.

Janice Mackett Planning Committee Chair

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy summer! Hoping everyone is out enjoying the beauty of the community and all the parks and pathways around.

The City held an open house June 14, 2017 to show the long-term and short-term plans for Shaganappi Trail intersection improvements, the 16th Avenue beautification plan, and the Home Road pedestrian and bike lane improvements. There appeared to be a lot of good discussion particularly around the Home Road scheduled work. While change is often difficult, it is nice that the City is beginning to invest in the community. The goal of all of this work is to calm traffic and improve the aesthetics. We will continue to monitor the changes to see if they are meeting the goals of the community and if there are changes/improvements which need to be made. The Community Association Board and the Planning Committee have been meeting regarding these projects for over a year. We appreciate the City staff's willingness to engage in dialogue and how our ideas were able to be incorporated into the plans.

I have asked the City staff to provide some information regarding how cars and bikes are supposed to interact. We will publish this on the website as soon as it is available.

The website has been updated and redesigned! I encourage everyone to go on and check it out. If you have ideas or suggestions, please share them. We are always open to input.

Take care, wishing you all a safe and relaxing summer.

Marilyn







Letter to the editor

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South Shaganappi Area Strategic Planning Group

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.

The Calgary Cancer Project has completed the Design-Build Request for proposals. The successful team for the New Calgary Cancer Centre will be PCL Construction Management Inc. The project is scheduled to break ground later this year with the new facility opening to the public in 2024.

In anticipation of the New Calgary Cancer Centre, Foothills Medical Centre has begun the closure of Lot 7. Lot 10 on the University of Calgary's Main Campus will provide temporary parking to the FMC staff until the construction of Lot 1 is complete. Underground service work to Lot 1 is currently underway with completion scheduled for August 2017.

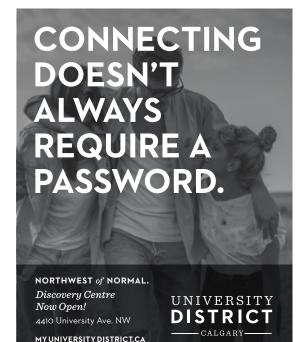
The City of Calgary announced the construction of two North Crosstown BRT stations at 31 Street and 32 Avenue NW. Construction is expected to run until mid-August 2017 and will include new underground utilities, new bus shelter installations and sidewalk improvements. For more information visit the project web page at calgary.ca/northxtownBRT. The 16 Avenue and 29 Street NW intersection redevelopment continues with the completion of the Hot Tap Watermain and Tree Removal. Sanitary and storm line installations are underway and are approximately 85% complete. More updates are available from the project web page at calgary.ca/16ave29st.

Also, from the City of Calgary, is the announcement of a Banff to Calgary shuttle bus operating from the Crowfoot Station, weekends and holidays, between 8:30 am and 10:30 pm. The service will begin in mid-June 2017 and continue through the Labour Day weekend. Tickets are \$10.00 per person, one-way. The University of Calgary is pleased to announce that it's MacKimmie Complex, redevelopment project has been chosen by the Canada Green Building Council as one of sixteen prototypes from across Canada, and the only one from Alberta, to collaborate with the Council on its new zero carbon building initiative. More information is available by visiting http://ucalgary.ca/utoday/ issue/2017-06-02/ucalgarys-mackimmie-complex-helpdrive-canadian-green-building-standard.

West Campus Development Trust announced that the University District will see an increase in construction over the summer months. The foundation for Truman's, The Noble, has been completed. Grading of the site for the Ivy, by Brookfield Residential has begun. Underground service work for the Seniors' Centre will begin by the end of June. Landscaping surrounding the North Pond is scheduled for completion by the end of this summer.

And so concludes yet another busy year at the SSASPG. The Group will break for the summer months of July and August, reconvening for the 2017/2018 year in September. Have a great summer everyone!

Rhonda Zander Planning Committee Member



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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
- Community Safety Initiative (CSI)
- History —Community Pride and Revitalization (CPR)

Community Programs & Events/Activities:

- 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
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University District Construction Update: June 2017

From June to October, University District will deploy the 2017 construction program that will result in new and improved roads/pathways, landscaping enhancements as well as the commencement of the North Pond.

West Campus Development Trust will provide monthly updates on construction activity and traffic detours.

Signage will be at the Discovery Centre for alternate routes to access the Alberta Children's Hospital as well as other areas as they are affected. If there are any impacts to pedestrian access, updates will be provided as necessary to ensure your safety as construction proceeds.

Summary of Traffic Impacts

1. SMITH STREET @ CHILDRENS WAY Mid-June to August

Main Traffic Impact: Alternating road closure impacting access to University District's Discover Centre. Detour: Dependant on Smith Street Road closure or McLaurin Street closure – access will be through one of the two streets.

2. SMITH STREET AT CHILDRENS WAY Early June to mid-July Main Traffic Impact: Road closure & alternative

parking Lot 57 access.

Detour: Lot 57 access to be provided off of Smith Street south of University Avenue.

3. CHILDRENS WAY

Mid-June to end of July

Main Traffic Impact: Road closure

Detour: Alberta Children's Hospital access to be maintained from McLaurin via 24th Avenue or University Avenue.

4. McLAURIN STREET

Early July to mid-September Main Traffic Impact: Road closure

Detour: Alberta Children's Hospital access to be maintained from McLaurin via 24th Avenue. Traffic accessing from Shaganappi Trail to be diverted to Smith Street & Childrens Way.

5. UNIVERSITY AVENUE

Mid July to end of October Main Traffic Impact: Road closure

Detour: Alberta Children's Hospital access to be maintained from McLaurin via 24th Avenue. Traffic accessing from Shaganappi Trail to be diverted to Smith Street & Childrens Way. Note: Traffic accessing from 32nd Avenue should utilize Shaganappi Trail & University Avenue access to avoid 39th Street closures.

- 6. 39TH STREET
 - Mid June to end of October

Main Traffic Impacts: Road closures, temporary lane closures, and limited pedestrian access.

Mid-June to mid-July: Two-way traffic will be maintained, with access to University of Calgary, Family Housing & Alberta Children's Hospital.

Mid July to mid-August: 39th Street will be local & construction traffic only. Access to Family Housing will be maintained, and Alberta Children's Hospital traffic accessing from 32nd Avenue should utilize Shaganappi Trail & University Avenue access to avoid 39th Street closures.

Mid-August to end of October: South bound traffic will be closed to Kovitz Avenue to facilitate Family Housing access. Northbound traffic will be maintained from University Avenue.

Please visit www.wcdt.ca/construction for further details.

You can also call the hotline at **1-855-400-5556** 24/7.

We apologize for any inconvenience this work may cause. Thank you for your patience. Construction timelines may change, dependent upon site and weather conditions.

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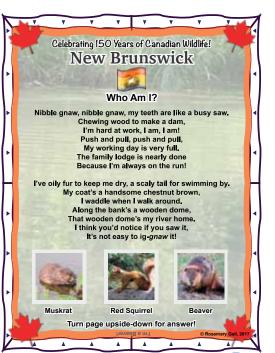
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Bowmont Natural Environment Park 17th Annual Photo Contest **Entry Form**

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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 the consent form)
Best of Show:	Best photo in the show and Best photo in the show by a first time entrant

Contest Rules

- 1. Contest is open to all amateur photographers. All photos must be taken within Bowmont Natural Environment Park between January 1, 2017 and October 6, 2017.
- 2. Entry deadline is October 13, 2017.
- Photos submitted MUST be accompanied by the contest Photo Release Waiver or will be disgualified. 3
- 4. Some restrictions regarding prizes may apply.
- 5. Only two entries per each category may be submitted.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Please email a digital version if available of photos (JPEG file) to ljknight1947@gmail.com prior to entry deadline.
- 8. 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:

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

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Email:

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

Indicate category:
Scenic Views
Flora
Wildlife
Environmental Issues
Park Users

- 2. Give your photograph a **Title**:
- 3. Attach the completed Photo Release Waiver
- 4. Attach a **Consent Form** (for Park User category only)
- 5. Submit your entries at Bowness, Montgomery, Silver Springs or Varsity Community Centre offices

Additional entry forms and the contest Photo Release Waiver are available at the following Community Centre Offices: Bowness, Montgomery, Silver Springs and Varsity; or by e-mail request to liknight1947@gmail.com and pdf format form and release waiver will be forwarded to your e-mail address.

For more information, contact: Community Volunteer: Linda Knight Phone: (403) 288-5496 Email: ljknight1947@gmail.com



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Friends,

This July 1st, we celebrate the 150th birthday of this great country. This year Canada Day falls on a Saturday, and there will be a huge range of events for people to attend throughout Calgary. The city is predicting 250,000 people will turn out for the celebrations, so I encourage people to be prepared by bringing a hat, sunscreen and water. To top it all off, there will be a 30 minute fireworks and light show on the river front downtown.

On June 30th, Triwood and Brentwood will be hosting a Canada BBQ for the country's 150th birthday. The BBQ starts at 5pm, will have live music, and fireworks at 10:30pm. The event is at the Triwood Arena, and is no charge, but RSVPs are requested.

The busy spring legislative session is now over. We've worked hard to bring in programs to make life more affordable for everyday Albertans, by capping electricity prices, reducing school fees and keeping taxes on families the lowest in Canada. Our government has just announced a \$20 million playground grants program for K-6 schools to reduce the fundraising burden on families. New and replacement K-6 schools announced between 2014 and 2018 will get \$250,000 grants to build a playground. We know that playgrounds not only benefit the students who get to use them, but they serve the community as a whole. They are hubs where parents and children meet and play together. If a community wants to upgrade or replace an existing playground, they are able to apply for the Community Facility Enhancement Program grant offered through Culture and Tourism.

Our government is always interested in hearing what Albertans have to say about major public programs. The Spring 2017 survey of the curriculum review wrapped up in June with thousands of responses. Alberta Education will then review the results of the survey and use what they heard to refine their work and help develop learning outcomes in each subject. There will be a Fall 2017 survey announced later in the summer. As the federal government is legalizing cannabis by July

2018, Alberta has to develop a provincial framework to manage it. Until July 31st, Albertans can visit alberta. ca/cannabis to participate in a survey to develop a provincial framework for cannabis legalization.

July 7-16 is Calgary Stampede, so it's time to break out your cowboy hat, see the parade, and eat free pancakes until you burst! Besides events all over the city, there are several right here in Calgary-Varsity. On July 6th at 5:30pm, Banff Trail is hosting a Stampede BBQ. Triwood Community Association is having their annual pancake breakfast at the Triwood community centre on July 9th from 9am-12pm. Market Mall will have a pancake breakfast from 9-11am on July 11th. And Dalhousie Station Shopping Centre has a pancake breakfast on July 12th from 9-11am. I'm certainly looking forward to the Stampede events here in the constituency. Yahoo!

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SCHOOL SHOUT-OUTS

Bowness High School

In addition to all of the exciting things that school startup brings to Bowness High School, we are also introducing our new High Performance Athlete Development (HPAD) pathway this year. The HPAD pathway provides student athletes (aged 14-18) with technical, theoretical and experiential opportunities in the pursuit of high performance athletics. We are partnered with a number of National and Provincial organizations and our HPAD students will have access to resources (trainers, coaches, facilities, etc.) that are available to elite-level performers and competitors. It is open to all high school students in the Calgary area who want a flexible and focused academic and athletic pathway. For more information, please contact the school at bowness@cbe.ab.ca. Have a great summer and see you in September!



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

 Free announcements: lost/found, household items for sale, wanted, garage sale, student/senior services, etc.
 Forty word limit

LOVE TO SING? Vocal Latitudes may be the choir for you. A non-audition, World Music community choir, Vocal Latitudes meets Tuesday evenings from September-May in a convenient central location. Repertoire includes jazz, gospel, African, Canadian, Renaissance, pop, original contemporary. For more information, see www.vocalatitudes.org.

PRACTICE ENGLISH: Make friends and have fun at a New Friends and Neighbourhood Group! Free, no immigration requirements and no minimum English. Free childcare. Visit www.ciwa-online.com or contact Debra Colley at debrac@ciwa-online.com, 403-444-1752.

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Montgomery Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Montgomery MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
May 2017	\$522,450	\$506,250
April 2017	\$504,950	\$504,500
March 2017	\$534,900	\$512,500
February 2017	\$500,000	\$489,000
January 2017	\$419,900	\$409,900
December 2016	\$678,900	\$660,000
November 2016	\$429,900	\$420,000
October 2016	\$529,000	\$526,000
September 2016	\$495,000	\$450,000
August 2016	\$453,900	\$425,000
July 2016	\$407,777	\$425,000
June 2016	\$524,900	\$515,000

Last 12 Months Montgomery MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
May 2017	7	2
April 2017	8	6
March 2017	9	8
February 2017	4	3
January 2017	3	3
December 2016	2	1
November 2016	3	5
October 2016	5	1
September 2016	3	5
August 2016	6	2
July 2016	4	3
June 2016	3	5

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



Stampede Season

Welcome to July! The Calgary Stampede is fast approaching. What I enjoy most about the 10-day annual celebration of western spirit is the chance for me to meet residents at all the Ward 1 Stampede breakfasts and BBQs. This year I'm looking forward to the Silver Springs Community Association's 5th Annual Family BBQ and Celebration of Canada's 150th, Rocky Ridge Royal Oak Community Association's 9th Annual Stampede Breakfast, and Scenic Acres Community Association's Annual Stampede Breakfast. If there's a Stampede event going on that I missed, let me know by contacting my office at 403-268-2430 or email me at ward01@calgary.ca.

Accessible City services and programs

Did you know that The City offers a variety of accessible services and programs that benefit people with disabilities and seniors? They include:

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Saving Lives Through Better Predictions

On July 31, it will be 30 years since a powerful and damaging tornado ripped through Edmonton and area. On what became known as Black Friday, 27 people lost their lives, hundreds of homes were destroyed and damage totals exceeded \$330 million. To this day, quickly darkening clouds on the horizon bring back horrifying memories for thousands of Albertans.

There were seven other tornados in Alberta that summer day. Originally, weather forecasters had warned of unusually severe thunderstorms but the sheer power, size and destruction of the weather to come was not known. Enhanced warnings of tornados went out when the first one was spotted near Leduc but for many that was too late.

The federal government has invested substantially over the years to upgrade radars, upgrade satellites and the computer systems behind them. In the 30 years since, weather forecasting has improved by leaps and bounds and our ability to share critical weather warnings is unmatched in our history. New computer models can now more accurately forecast the weather and even predict tornados and their probable paths in advance. We now have accurate lightening, wind-chill, humidex, pollen, ice and other types of forecasting that did not exist just a few years ago. For some areas, weather forecasting is now available for different neighborhoods within the city.

While we all can remember a day when the forecast was wrong, and we like to curse the 'weatherman', we take for granted how accurate the forecasts generally are. Accurate weather forecasting is a critical part of our economy as it helps farmers, mariners, pilots, construction crews and the general public make important and life-saving decisions ahead of time.

Canadians now have the ability to track weather through radio, television, computers and various other methods. The ability to send weather warnings to people via their televisions, computers and smartphones has saved lives and property across Canada. As we head into the severe summer weather season, Canadians are encouraged to consult the weather on a regular basis, especially if they plan activities outside or may not have easy access to safe cover from the weather. There are a number of free weather alerts available through weather forecasting websites, including Environment Canada at www. weather.gc.ca.

Those who take risks with the weather should realize they often put their lives, their loved ones' lives and the lives of emergency workers at risk unnecessarily. As the saying goes, "If it is predictable, it's preventable". Let's have a great summer and thank those who work invisibly behind the scenes to ensure we have a safe summer, no matter what the forecast may be.



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