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Monthly Board Meetings are held every second Thursday at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be March 10, 2016. NHCA Board Meetings are open to the public.

NORTH HAVEN COMMUNITY



MAIN HALL					
Friday, Saturday and Holidays	\$400/day, includes use of kitchen				
Monday – Thursday	\$50/hour, minimum 2 hr rental				
Friday - Sunday	\$50/hour, minimum 2 hr rental				

Seating Capacity - 100

MEE.	TING ROOM			
Monday – Thursday	8am-5pm - \$100/day			
Friday, Saturday and Holidays	\$150/day			
Monday – Thursday	5pm-2am - \$25/hour Min. 2 hour rental			
Friday - Sunday	\$50/hour Min. 2 hour rental			
Seating capacity: 30				

Notes:

- All rentals require a \$300 damage deposit
 Discount available for North Haven Resident Members
- Call 403-284-2716 to view or book!

Meeting Room rental includes use of projector and screen



MESSAGE FROM YOUR

2016 is North Haven Community Association's 50th Anniversary, I hope you have managed to come out and enjoy some of our events already - and that you will mark others on your calendar and make time to join in the celebrations with your board and neighbours!

Perhaps this is the year you will open space in your calendar to volunteer with your community board, we are currently looking for a building and maintenance person.

If you are interested, feel free to contact me, or come to a meeting (second Thursday of the month at 7pm). If you know of someone who might be able to help us out, please ask them to give volunteering for our community a try.

I hope to see many of you at one or all of the upcoming events, the Seniors Tea, April 9, our annual garage sale in May, Pancake Breakfast in June, AGM in June and the 50th anniversary events in August with a Show & Shine of '50s and '60s cars, hot dogs, talent show, movie night and 50th Celebration Gala night in the fall.

Jean

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IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

North Haven Preschool

Come check out North Haven Preschool! On March 17 at 6:30pm we will be holding an open house. It is a chance for you to meet the teacher, tour the school, and see what the preschool has to offer.

Our Philosophy: Kids should be kids and have a chance to fully enjoy this time of creative exploration, new friends and new adventures. North Haven Preschool is a community based preschool committed to helping young children develop social skills, share new experiences and make new friends.

Volunteering: Parents are not required to volunteer, but volunteering in the classroom is strongly encouraged. Volunteers help us maintain a relaxed and fun atmosphere in the classroom, and kids love having their loved ones participate in their development, joys, and new-found self-confidence! We value a sense of community and family – a place where we all belong.

Daily Routine: Our day begins with unstructured play time where the children are free to move between two rooms and explore the variety of toys, games, and activities. We then move on to circle time and story time, a structured time for singing, dancing, sharing experiences and learning. We are learning to take turns, use our listening and cognitive skills. Snack time is a social gathering where we sit down as a group and enjoy each other's company. We encourage healthy snacks so that young bodies have energy and grow healthy and strong. Craft time is a structured time with open ended art experiences. The children are encouraged to express their creativity and have fun. All of the crafts are unique masterpieces treasured by staff and parents. Gym time is an opportunity for the children to enhance their motor and cognitive skills. Math skills are built by playing games like "What time is it Mr. Wolf". We provide a variety of indoor and outdoor, age-appropriate, activities.

We occasionally have special visitors come into the school to provide learning experiences and share fun. Visitors have included firemen, policemen, dentists, and musicians. The 4-year-old class also goes to North Haven Elementary for ECS orientation in late spring.





Further Details: North Haven Preschool operates in the North Haven Community Center, 5003 North Haven Drive NW. We currently have spaces available in both the 3- and 4-year old programs. Our program runs from 9:00-11:30am. The 3-year olds have school on Tuesday/ Thursday. The 4 year olds in the two day program come on Monday/Wednesday. There is also the option of a three day program for four year olds which has them attending on Thursday's in a mixed class.

Please visit our website NorthHavenPreschool.com or contact Lila at 403-274-6682 or lilas@telusplanet.net for registration or further information.

NORTH HAVEN PRESCHOOL

A COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

for Children ages 3-4 years

NEW 3-day program option for 4 year olds

Spaces available in 3 and 4 year old classes

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IN & AROUND

North Haven School

The month of February was filled with exciting learning opportunities for both students and staff at North Haven School! We were excited to welcome two residencies into our learning community during the month. The first was a tennis residency that involved all students and worked to develop students' racquet skills, building on our physical education unit of badminton earlier in the month. The second residency that started in classes was a hip-hop dance residency featuring artists from 'Sound Kreations.' These artists work with both students and staff, creating unique and engaging dance routines to share back with the school community!

This past month also saw both teaching and support staff attend their annual Teachers' and Support Staff Conventions. These conventions take place over two days and are a great opportunity to attend professional development sessions with a wide array of educational leaders and speakers. For teachers this is a time to focus on their own learning and growth, gathering new ideas and resources from which to bring back to their classrooms to share with students.

As you can see we continue to be a learning community that is actively engaged in a variety of learning activities both at school and in the larger community. We will be busy throughout March with upcoming student learning conferences and the chance to share back learning with our parent community.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact the school or drop by for a visit!

Kevin Howell Principal

Members Corner

Any North Haven Member that would like to submit an announcement please contact nothhavennewsletter@ amail.com. Examples could include notes to say thank you or offer sympathy, acknowledge birthdays or wedding anniversaries.

Symons Valley Full Gospel Church

Now Meeting at North Haven Community Centre

Sunday Service:

10:00am - 1:00 PM

Sunday School Program

- Prayer
- Counselling
- Weekly Bible Studies

We're dedicated to serving the North Haven Community by reaching out beyond the walls of the building to serve you. Have you got a need? Perhaps we can help. We are a caring, nurturing group who want the best for you and your family. We embrace all who walk through our doors regardless of background or life circumstances.

Join us on Sundays at 10:00am for a time of worship and Bible-based teaching. We believe and teach the principles of God's Holy Word and equip our members through biblical training and the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For more information, contact Pastors Brian & Debbie Cooper 403-272-5478 or visit our website: www. symonsvalleychurch.org. Join our community on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/symonsvalleyfullgospelchurch.

Find us on Facebook!



Just search for North Haven Community Association and "Like" us to receive updates!

Apple Crumble Dessert

2/3 cup flour 34 cup brown sugar, packed 1/3 cup butter 4 cups sliced apples

Combine flour, sugar and cut in butter to make a crumbly mixture. Arrange sliced apples into prepared baking dish. Sprinkle sugar mixture over top. Sprinkle with cinnamon and bake at 375 F about 30 minutes or until top is brown and crunchy.

Serve with ice cream or whipped cream! Yum!

If you have a favourite recipe, one you would be willing to share that is, please pass it along. We are always looking for new recipes. Please email your recipe to northhavennewsletter@amail.com.

You're invited to the 2nd annual...

Easter Egg Hunt

Come join us for some Easter fun, please RSVP to EventBrite with your information!

Where: North Haven Community Association, Baseball Diamond When: March 26, 2016

Time: 10 am



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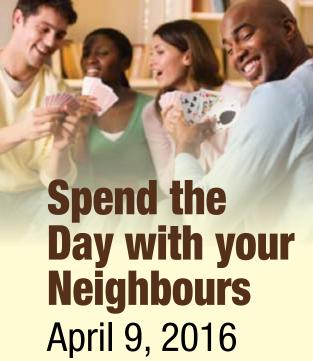
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Membership form

There are great activities at North Haven Community Centre!

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Event (Scouts, Guides, Snow Removal, Socce	er, etc.):
Family Name:	
Address:	Postal Code
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Email	
In providing my email address I am agreeing to	o accept an email once a year for membership renewal purposes
Membership Type:	
Resident (per household/voting)	\$15.00
Associate (non resident/non voting)	\$15.00
Senior (65+)	\$5.00
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For planning purposes only:	
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Other:	
☐ I consent to receiving community reminders	s on an occasional basis.
Jean Togstad, President,	ing or becoming active in our community please call , at 403-274-4177 to discuss your interests.





Seniors Tea at 10 am

Come share a cup of tea with your friends and neighbours that have been part of this community in the past 50 years!

Potluck Lunch at noon

Bring an item to share and have lunch with friends and neighbours!

Board Games – following lunch

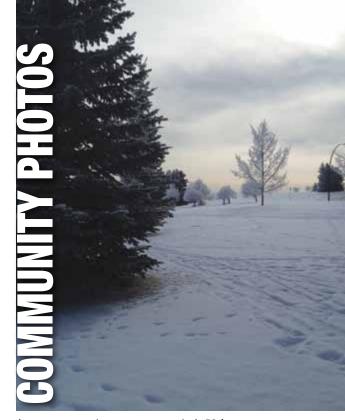
Bring your favourite board game and come share it with your neighbours or learn a new game that a friend has brought! Lots of fun to be had!

Spend the Day with your Neighbours

Whether you come for one, two or all three of these events it is bound to be a fun time and a chance to meet those you share this great community with!

Contact Marie 403-282-1075 if coming!





As we are entering our community's 50th year, we are looking to feature pictures from our community, both new and old, on the cover of our community newsletter.

If you have a photo that you would like to submit, please send it to northhavennewsletter@gmail.com along with the name of the person who took the picture so that we can print that as well.

Pictures need to be at least 1 megabyte in size.

Photo submitted by community member Jacob



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!

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 liq-
- 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.
- If you require immediate medical attention, call 9-1-1.



The goal of Nose Hill Park is to perpetuate the natural character of the landscape while providing compatible, quality recreational opportunities (Nose Hill Natural Area Management Plan 1994). Some of these are hiking, cycling, running, and dog-walking. However, there is work to do in protecting this precious natural grassland through conservation of its ecologically significant areas.

A restoration plan was proposed to close park trails with damaged vegetation; for rehabilitation and reseeding; removing priority areas of brome and replacement with native grasses. Now there is potential for re-populating wildlife, ground-nesting birds such as the sharp-tailed grouse.

Nose Hill is important to people and their wellness, especially during times of economic stress and strain; it is a source of wildlife and bird study, historical resources, green space for nature, and outdoor activities. The Hill is a winter birding location for certain species, particularly raptors. In summer the prairie habitat attracts 14 species of sparrow. It is an accessible area for native grassland. Some species are no longer present due to changing vegetation, human impact, and the overall decline in grasslands.

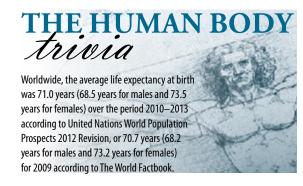
The International Union for the Conservation of Nature provides for diversity of species and ecosystems. This applies to animals, plants, habitat, and genes from land, sea, and other aquatic ecosystems.

The Biodiversity Policy was approved by Council in March, 2015. There are four principles: ecological literacy, resilience, collaboration, and integration. The first is to support biodiversity by knowledge and understanding about ecology, personal stewardship, and Calgary's natural heritage.

The Advisory Committee on Biodiversity meets monthly and one subcommittee fosters ecological literacy, which means to promote public understanding of biodiversity and ecology to encourage positive actions that support environmental conservation.

Some commitments are:

- a) Develop volunteer initiatives and education programs to support stewardship and conservation with schools, communities, and citizens.
- b) City staff, Council, businesses, and communities access training and information to promote the goals of biodiversity conservation, through buying practices, building and site design, open space planning and management. This includes an awareness of invasive species (weeds), habitat fragments and loss, and indirect pressures on biodiversity which cause ecological disruption.
- c) Set objectives and targets for conservation across appropriate initiatives. Three new on-the-ground initiatives will be implemented within the ten years of the program.
- d) Make biodiversity common in City decision-making. The aim is to restore degraded habitats and manage biodiversity of Calgary's open space and neighbourhoods.



IN AND AROUND NORTH HAVEN

Parents and Tots Update



This winter we had a great number of families attend Parents and Tots on Friday mornings and we have been happy to see each and every one of you. We look forward to continuing that in the spring. We will have the library come for a story time again on March 17 at 10 am. Keep an eye out for the details on the North Haven Parents Facebook page!



at Highwood Lutheran Church
419 Northmount Drive NW Calgary

Come and join us for Holy Week:

March 20, Palm Sunday 10:30 AM March 24, Seder Service 6:00 PM March 25, Good Friday 10:30 AM March 27, Easter Sunday 10:30 AM

Need more information?
Call the office 403-289-8206
Check us out on Facebook
or visit www.highwoodlutheran.com

We will be closed on Friday, March 25 for Good Friday.

We are also looking forward to seeing many of you at the second annual Easter Egg Hunt, which is organized by our very own parent volunteer Janice, who many of you also know for being the Parent and Tots group leader.

The Parents and Tots group meets every Friday from 9 to 10:30 am in the basement of the North Haven Community Association. Come join us for play time! You are welcome to bring a peanut free snack for your child to enjoy during this time. The group is open to parents, grandparents and caregivers of children ages 0 to 5.

Hope to see you soon, *Ilinca, Janice and Samara*

Entertainment and Events Update

Hello North Haven! We are entering the third month of our 50th anniversary year! So far, we have had a skating party and the Winter Carnival. Both events were very successful! It was great to see so many people turn out for the first skating party. The weather was gorgeous, the ice was in great shape, and we had skaters on the ice until the very last song was played by our fabulous DJ Creedo! The Winter Carnival was also a success, thanks to all those of you who came to both volunteer and participate.

We have many more events planned for this year – but we are counting on you to help make them happen. Every event needs volunteers and we would love to see some new faces out there! Volunteering doesn't have to take much time – the planning is all done in advance, we mostly need help with the execution of the events, and we usually just need people for 1 hour shifts. Please contact Elise if you can help out.

Now, for the fun stuff – upcoming events!

On **Saturday, March 5** we are hosting an **adult dance** from **8-11pm**. Tickets are \$10 in advance. We'll have a cash bar, and some munchies. We're also having a silent auction so bring your cheque book! The theme is "North Haven through the decades" and we'd love to see some costumes! Remember, North Haven was created in the '60s. There is plenty of opportunity for dressing up with that theme in mind!

Following the dance, the next event is the second annual **Easter Egg Hunt**, to be held on **Saturday March 26 at**





10am. There will be a Facebook post about signing up – you must RSVP for this event! Meet at the baseball diamond at 10am and start having fun from there!

On Saturday April 9, we are hosting two events back to back. At 10am, we'll have a Seniors Tea. Come visit with your friends and neighbours from the past 50 years! Please contact Marie at the hall to sign up. It's a free event but we need to know who will be there! Following the tea, at **noon**, we will have a **potluck lunch** to carry us through to the next event - an afternoon of board games at the hall. Bring your favourite games and meet some new friends! The potluck will be open to anyone who wants to come - seniors following the tea, and people just coming to board game day. Please contact Marie at the hall to sign up for tea, potluck, and board games. Come to one, two, or all three of these events!

We look forward to seeing many of you at these upcoming events! If you have any questions, please contact Elise at 403-233-0092 or email elise-jkonoff@gmail.com.

Your event team, Elise and Ilinca

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10am	Easter Egg Hunt	Green Park/ ball diamond					
Morning 2-5pm	Seniors Tea Followed by Board Game Day	Main Hall					
10-1	Garage Sale	Soccer field					
9-11am	Pancake Breakfast	Main hall/ outside					
	Camp in your community	Field/fire pit					
Afternoon/ Evening	Show & Shine/ Movie/ music/lawn chair theater in the park	Soccer field					
4-7pm	Outdoor Picnic/amazing race/games	Soccer field					
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2015-2016 Entertainment and Event calendar

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Find us on Facebook! NHCA is now on Facebook, just search for North Haven Community Association and Like us to receive updates!

Please respect your community and do not deposit garbage, compostable, or used clothing in the North Haven Community Association parking lot.

Calgary Neuropathy Association Support Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month, September through May (12:45 – 3:00 p.m.) at Northmount Baptist Church Hall, 451 Northmount Drive N.W. info@ calgaryneuropathy.com; www.calgaryneuropathy.com 403-668-9777



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Creating welcoming, caring, safe learning environments for all

At the Calgary Board of Education, we work together every day to create welcoming, safe, caring and respectful school communities where each and every student feels a sense of belonging. When students feel that they belong, it encourages them to stay in school, to learn and to succeed.

Our schools welcome students and families from every background and from all over the world, and we foster healthy and respectful relationships where diversity is celebrated. Students, staff and school communities share the responsibility of cultivating environments that welcome everyone and provide opportunities to thrive in life and learning. This includes ensuring we create safe, caring environments for gender and sexual minority youth.

This responsibility is reflected in our mission, in our Results polices and Three-Year Education Plan. It is also expressed in law, in the School Act and Alberta Human Rights Act.

Alberta Education recently released guidelines to ensure school boards create learning environments that specifically respect diverse sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. All school boards have been asked to use these best practices to develop or update their own policies, regulations and procedures related to creating these learning environments.

The provincial guidelines are aligned with many of the practices already in place in CBE schools to protect and care for all students. The CBE is working on developing its own guidelines, which must be completed by the end of March, 2016.

We recognize the important role all of us play in providing these safe, inclusive environments where all students can thrive.

More information can be found on our website, www.cbe.ab.ca under About Us, School Culture & Environment.



Building young brains can be as simple as using the 3 Ts!

When it comes to interacting with your baby or young child, there are three easy ways for parents to harness the power of their words to build their children's brains and shape their futures.

Tune In

Notice what your baby or child is focused on and talk about that. Respond when your child communicates ideas, questions and emotions - including when your baby coos or cries.

Talk More

Narrate day-to-day routines, such as diaper changes. Use details: "Let mommy take off your diaper. Oh so wet! And smell it. So stinky!" Or when tooth brushing: "How many teeth do you have now? Let's count them together . . . 1, 2, 3 . . . "

Take Turns

Keep the conversation going. Respond to your child's sounds, gestures and eventually words - and give them time to respond to you. Ask lots of guestions that require more than 'yes' or 'no' answers.

Adapted from the book, Thirty Million Words: Building a Child's Brain the 3 Ts are based on research that found children in some households heard 30 million fewer words by age three than children in other homes. These children also heard a smaller variety of words and fewer words of encouragement. This 'word gap' can exist in families of any socioeconomic status but, on average, children from low-income homes may be most at risk of hearing less words.

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. Using the 3 Ts can help you expose your child to more words. And, children who hear more words are better prepared when they enter school. And, by grade three children who have heard more words at home tend to have bigger vocabularies and are stronger readers.

Other tips include:

If you are bilingual, talk to your child mostly in your first language – it will be richer. But, also be sure to expose your child to the language of the broader community; here in Western Canada, that's English.

Embrace baby-talk – not made-up words, but a melodic pitch, positive tone, and sing-song rhythm.

Read aloud to your child. Even babies benefit. And, as you child gets older and can read themselves, read aloud to them from books above their own reading level. It introduces new vocabulary and makes these words familiar when they later encounter them in print.

With thanks to: www.thirtymillionwords.org

For resources to help your child develop critical literacy skills and a joy of reading, visit our website. The CBC Calgary / Calgary Reads Big Book Sale, happens May 13 to 15, 2016. This is Calgary Reads signature fundraising event. Find full event details and how to donate books on our website: www.calgaryreads.com.



The Chrysler building attained the title of world's tallest in building in 1930 for just one year when the Empire State was erected. Image Joris Van Rooden In the early part of the 20th Century, people everywhere were in a race to build the tallest building. At the time, this gorgeous Art Deco skyscraper was almost outdone by the Bank of Manhattan but its spire (which was constructed in secret) enabled it to take the title of 'tallest building in the world'

GUIDING NEWS

The Guiding groups in North Haven have been having lots of fun with skating, snowshoeing, camps, sleepovers and special guests.





On Tuesday, March 29, all the North Haven Guiding groups plan to sell the classic sandwich cookies door to door in North Haven.

Please watch the hall sign as this date may change.

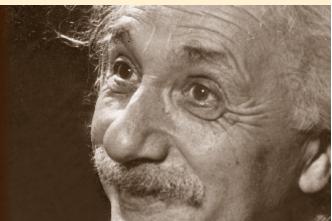
If we miss you on that night and you would like to buy some cookies, please call Sandra Whitty (289-7404) and she will be sure to get you some cookies. The cost for a box of cookies is \$5.00 a box.





Albert Einstein was often asked to explain the general theory of relativity.

"Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour," he once declared. "Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute. That's relativity!"



Caring For Your Elderly Pet



People are living longer with better health care, nutrition, and overall improved living conditions, and so are our pets. I see pets in their late teens regularly and geriatric medicine is advancing in leaps and bounds. Never dismiss changes in your older pet as "just part of getting old" as these may be changes we can treat. Preserving quality of life for both us and the furry ones should be our objective.

If you can equate one year of aging in a person to seven in a dog, an annual examination for a pet is like you being seen every seven years by your doctor. Annual examinations are imperative and even bi-annual examinations maybe recommended. Veterinarians discuss history, changes in food and water consumption as they examine your pet for masses, aches and pains, and anything that raises concern. This includes rotten painful teeth. Health care starts with the examination.

Diet is the cornerstone of any older pet's health needs. An older pet has a slower metabolism and sleeps more. Don't justify weight gain by saying "but treats are all he enjoys now". An obese pet has difficulty moving, arthritic joints have to work harder, and stress is placed on all organs including the heart, lungs, liver, and kidneys. It's easier if a pet is fit and not wheezing with exertion.

Switch a pet to a geriatric diet around 8 to 10 years of age in cats and small dogs, in large dogs earlier. Specific diets have been formulated for pets suffering from kidney, liver, and heart disease. Some diets are for joints and include products for enhanced mobility. There is even a diet to try and slow the progress of canine dementia.

Unlimited water is imperative in the elderly pet. Kidneys are fragile. If your pet begins to drink and urinate excessively this is an early symptom of many serious, but often treatable, geriatric diseases.

People use physiotherapy or try alternative therapies for aches and pains. These therapies are equally beneficial to our pets. Old bodies get relief with heat packs, massage, range of motion exercises, and physiotherapy. Acupuncture, cranio-sacral therapy, chiropractic medicine, and numerous herbal and homeopathic formulas are used successfully to treat old joints, muscles and bone. To this end remember five or 10 minutes gentle exercise three times daily is preferable to 40 minutes of intense exercise with fragile pets. Like you pets stiffen up and hurt! Older pets have a much reduced tolerance for heat and cold extremes.

Because they don't exercise as much, some older cats and dogs tend to need their nails trimmed more often. Elderly pets find it more difficult to groom and may need more help. Cats may not be able to contort themselves to reach places on their backs and hind end and fur can become matted.

Older pets may become crankier if sore and maybe are more easily startled if their hearing and sight is failing. Try to make allowances, especially where children are involved, don't startle or pounce on elderly pets.

There are many anti-inflammatory and painkillers now on the market for older dogs and cats to reduce pain. Older pets deserve a comfortable and gentle retirement, but if all of your best efforts can no longer maintain your friend in a comfortable state and there are many more sick painful days than not, knowing when to say goodbye is the least selfish thing you will ever do for an old loved companion.

Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.

APRIL 8 TO 9 DANCE AT NIGHT:

The senior students in the University of Calgary Dance program's choreography and performance concentration showcase their final presentations of the year. www.scpa.ucalgary.ca



APRIL 10 TO 11 EXTREME PLANET WITH PHOTOGRAPHER CARSTEN PETER:

Experience some of the most extreme environments on this planet with photographer Carsten Peter as your guide. Go into active volcanoes in the South Pacific and chase a storm along Tornado alley. www.artscommons.ca



APRIL 14 THE VIEW FROM BEHIND BARS – AN EVENING WITH PIPER KERMAN:

Spend a special evening with Piper Kerman, best-selling author of Orange is the New Black, My Year in Women's Prison and inspiration behind the award-winning Netflix series. www. facebook.com/Elizabeth-Fry-Society-of-Calgary-232422026837022/



AT A GLANCE...

April 1 - Taste of Bragg Creek: Taste of Bragg Creek returns for its fourth year and showcases some of the best that local restaurateurs, caterers and food and liquor merchants have to offer. www.tasteofbraggcreek.ca

April 6 - Video Games Live: Bonus Round!: This concert is a combination of synchronized lights, lasers, video clips and live music from some of the world's most popular games performed by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. www.calgaryphil.com

 April 6 to 17 - Canmore Uncorked: This mountain food and drink festival is 12 full days of special set-price menus, cooking classes, progressive dinners and cooking events. www.tourismcanmore.com

 April 11 to 13 - Dance at Noon: The junior students in the University of Calgary Dance program's choreography and performance concentration showcase their original compositional work. www.scpa.ucalgary.ca

• April 11 to 17 - Calgary Underground Film Festival: The festival has been carefully programmed to include thought-provoking, entertaining and sometimes obscure movies of all genres that defy conventions. www. calgaryundergroundfilm.org

April 15 to 17 - Dreams of Broadway: 26 performers and 31 hit Broadway songs collide in this inaugural production by Imagine Performing Arts! This whirlwind production will have you laughing, crying and dancing in your seat! www.musicandplay.ca

April 22 to 24 - The Adventures of Robin Hood: Unleash your imagination and follow the adventures of a band of brothers looking to rob the rich to help the poor. www.vertigotheatre.com

• April 26 to 29 – Annie: The well-loved, family-friendly musical Annie is based on the popular comic strip Little Orphan Annie. It's a feel-good production with the same energy and warmth of the original. http://calgary.broadway.com/

 April 28 to May 1 - Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo: For four days, Calgary celebrates science fiction, comic books, film, television, horror, fantasy, pop culture and more. www.calgaryexpo.com

CALGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Learn more about your Calgary Catholic School District Board of Trustees!

The month of March means the start of spring and a time of renewal during our Lenten season. Here at Calgary Catholic, spring brings a focus on our annual budget. While the budget process happens throughout the year and is a standing item at every Calgary Catholic Board Meeting, spring is a time when we begin to finalize details of our operating budget for the following year. Below are a few points about our process:

• The 2016-2017 District Operating Budget document will be a financial plan for the district for the fiscal year that runs from September 1, 2016 through to August 31, 2017.

 The district budget process begins early in the year and involves gathering essential financial information, consulting with stakeholders, making appropriate decisions on new and existing expenditures and ensuring staffing decisions are made as expeditiously as possible.

• Calgary Catholic utilizes software called Thought Exchange to engage our parents, staff and students on a large scale, so they are able to provide input on budget priorities. If you are a Catholic rate-payer that does not currently have children in the Catholic school system, you are encouraged to participate in the process by sending an email to thoughtexchange@cssd.ab.ca.

• We are a people-focused organization and employ over 5,000 staff members. Eighty cents of every dollar we spend goes to salary and benefits. A further significant portion of our budget goes to fixed costs like contractors, insurance and utilities. We will be opening up to four new schools in 2016/2017 and up to six new schools in 2017/2018 and resourcing for those schools also needs to be included in this budget.

 The district budget is prepared by administration in accordance with board policies, linkage with district vision statements and provincial goals and in support of the district three-year plan.

• The Board of Trustees is involved at every stage of the process and ultimately approves the budget which will be submitted to the Minister of Education. Budget approval generally occurs in May or June every year. However, timing is dependent on when the government releases their budget.

 We always work to present a budget that is balanced and allows us to continue to provide the best possible teaching and learning environment for our students and staff.



Louise Ridout, B.Sc. (Hon Math), M.S. (Stats)

I'm a math teacher and tutor. In my work, I see repeatedly, disappointing results from students – many currently in, or graduates of schools in Calgary — who do not know how to do basic, simple math operations needed to be successful. I have seen students pick up a calculator to find the answer to 4x3. Parents – do you know the answer to that – without a calculator? The most valuable skill that students are missing is knowledge of the multiplication tables. Without having a solid grasp of the multiplication tables, students cannot understand relationships between numbers, and are unable to easily do many midlevel math questions. I regularly see their frustration at not being able to do these problems.... while at the same time maintaining a **stubborn refusal** to memorize the multiplication tables!

Students who succeed in math at the high school level do much better in every university class they take. They have the tools to succeed and surpass others to get the highest level jobs and excel at them. 90% of the highest paying jobs require math. The kind of logical and analytical thinking that is required to make good decisions, no matter what field we are working in, is learned as we study and do math problems!

The best way to have your children succeed in high school math classes is to make sure they learn the multiplication tables so well when they are young that they are second nature to them.

Help your children memorize their multiplication tables and they will succeed in high school math classes. Then they will do well in their university courses, and be prepared to be leaders in the workplace, the community and in their homes!

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As the 1st session of the 42nd Parliament resumes, I will continue to be a strong voice on your behalf in Ottawa, representing the interests of Calgary Nose Hill. In these uncertain economic times, it is necessary to be vigilant in holding the government to account, both for the manner and the amount of your money that they are spending. I will remain consistent in calling for a balanced and prudent approach to the federal budget.

Within the riding, I have already begun meeting with our community association presidents to discuss issues of local importance such as federal infrastructure spending on projects like the LRT Greenline, and I will continue meeting with our provincial and city representatives on matters that cross governmental boundaries.

The current downturn in the energy sector in Alberta has affected many of you or your families, and the following federal government contacts may be of interest to you.

- Service Canada general enquiries: 1-800-622-6232 www.servicecanada.gc.ca
- Service Canada job bank: www.servicecanada. gc.ca/eng/sc/jobs/jobbank.shtml
- Unemployment insurance (EI) general enquiries: 1-800-206-7218
- Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security general enquiries: 1-800-277-9914

As always, my constituency office remains available to provide the usual services for the people of Calgary Nose Hill and I hope that you will feel free to contact my office with any issues or concerns you may have. Please contact me at: 403-216-7777, michelle.rempel@parl.gc.ca or visit my website at www.michellerempel.ca.





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Hello Calgary-Klein!

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It's been a busy few weeks for the Government of Alberta, so I've got a few news items to share with you.

Royalty Review

The Government of Alberta recently adopted the recommendations of the Royalty Review Advisory Panel, and they will come into effect beginning in 2017. The modernized royalty system will provide a simpler, more transparent and efficient system that will promote jobs and investment activity, while increasing revenue to Albertans over time. In addition, the unprecedented level of transparency that the changes will bring about -- through reports and disclosures on prices, production, and costs, all accessible through a website-- will ensure that all citizens can monitor the new system and ensure that it meets the priorities of Albertans. The new royalty system will also reward producers who reduce drilling costs below the industry average through innovation, which over time, will grow net revenues industry-wide.

The panel listened to industry, labour, environmental groups, academics, business leaders, community leaders and thousands of Albertans who provided their input in-person and online. The new changes will ensure that Alberta's resources provide the right rewards to our partners, and the right return for Albertans for future generations.

Petrochemical Diversification Program

The Government of Alberta is taking action on the economy, helping to create jobs, attract investment and diversify the economy through the recently-launched Petrochemicals Diversification. By encouraging companies to invest in new facilities in Alberta by providing royalty credits, the development of new facilities could create up to 3,000 new jobs in construction as well as 1,000 jobs once operations begin. Furthermore, these facilities could attract between \$3 billion and \$5 billion in investment.

Safe and Caring Schools

At the request of Alberta school boards, Education Minister David Eggen has released a new resource to aid school boards in drafting policies to support welcoming, caring, respectful and safe schools. The document, Guidelines for Best Practices: Creating Learning Environments that Respect Diverse Sexual Orientations, Gender Expressions and Gender Identities, will assist educators as they work to accommodate their students in situations that they have not previously encountered. It has received good feedback from the Alberta Teachers' Association.

Our guidelines have identified that not all students are supported in their homes when it comes to their expressed gender identity. A 2015 Canadian Trans Youth Health Survey found that 70 per cent of respondents felt their family didn't understand them and one in three did not have an adult they could discuss their problems with. Schools can be the place where students struggling at home can feel safe. It's our legal responsibility to support them as best we can, and these guidelines help educators to do so.

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Greetings Ward 4 Residents,

Cool camps for your little critters

Send your kids on an action-packed nature adventure this spring break! The City of Calgary's nature day camps connect children with the natural world through handson activities and outdoor play. Campers will explore the exciting world of bugs, birds, plants and animals, and gain a better understanding of nature and their place within it.

Spring nature day camps run from Monday, March 21 to Thursday, March 24 and are located at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Ralph Klein Park and Devonian Gardens.

Nature Fun Camps, designed for children 4 and 5 years old, introduce preschoolers to the natural world using games, crafts and stories. Camps run from 9 am to noon and are \$92 per child.

Nature Spring Camps, designed for children ages 6 to 10, focus on nature's amazing transformation during the spring season, including insect, plant and animal adaptations. Camps run from 9 am to 4 pm and are \$180 per child.

The City of Calgary also offers nature day camps during July and August for children 4 to 12 years old. These week-long adventures are offered at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. Half- and full-day camps are available. Summer camp registration begins February 29.

Worried about childcare? We have you covered. Beforeand after-camp care is available upon request at a cost of \$25 per timeslot.

For more information or to register for a spring nature camp, visit calgary.ca/parksquide or call 403-268-3800.

Youth Employment Centre Hiring Fair

Looking for a job? Visit the FREE Youth Employment Centre Hiring Fair on Tuesday, April 5 from 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm at the Big Four Building. Connect with employers offering hundreds of positions that need to be filled now. Dress to impress and be prepared to be interviewed.

Get a job and start your dream career at Calgary's only hiring fair exclusively for youth ages 15-24. Visit next-Steps.org for more information and to view the list of employers attending the event.

Calgary AfterSchool

Calgary AfterSchool offers free, fun, safe, supervised, and quality after school programs for Calgary kids aged 6 to 16. A collaborative effort between The City of Calgary and community partners, Calgary AfterSchool programming takes place during the critical hours of 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, when kids are out of school, but parents may not yet be home. Calgary AfterSchool participants gain physical, social, leadership and creative skills.

For more information, including a listing of all programs, visit calgary.ca/afterschool.



Las Meninas, 1656 By: Diego Velazguez

Diego was a Spanish painter who was the leading artist in the court of King Philip IV and one of the most important painters of the Spanish Golden Age. Las Meninas, or The Maids of Honor, depicts a room in the Madrid palace of Spain's King Philip IV. The painting is famous for its complexities regarding reality and illusion. Uncertainty is played out in the relations between the viewers and the figures, as well as between the figures themselves. These complex uncertainties have welcomed much discussion and analysis among critics and scholars.

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Alberta Health Care	403.310.0000
AHS Addictions Hotline	1.866.332.2322
ATCO Gas – 24 Hour Emergency	403.245.7222
Calgary HEALTH LINK 24/7	811
Calgary Police – Non Emergency	403.266.1234
Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter	403.234.7233
Child Abuse Hotline	1.800.387.5437
Kids Help Line	1.800.668.6868
Child Safe Canada	403.202.5900
Distress/Crisis Line	403.266.4357
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Rockyview General Hospital	403.943.3000
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South Calgary Urgent Care Health Centre	403.943.9300
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Alberta One-Call Corporation	1.800.242.3447
City of Calgary	311
Kerby Centre for the 55 plus	403-265-0661
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COMMUNITY business of the month

Donz' Wheels of Time Restoration

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Required for Registration:

- 1. Registration fee of \$75 per child
- 2. Valid community membership from one of the communities listed below
- 3. Volunteer commitment (see website for list of volunteer positions) or \$75 fee per family if unable to volunteer in some capacity.

Volunteers are required for a variety of positions during the soccer season.

Position descriptions and sign-up are available on the web page.

GAMES are PLAYED Tuesday and Thursday evenings April 26 – June 16, 2016

McKnight Soccer is sponsored by:

Cambrian Heights Community Association Highwood Community Association Highland Park Community Association North Haven Community Association Rosemont Community Association