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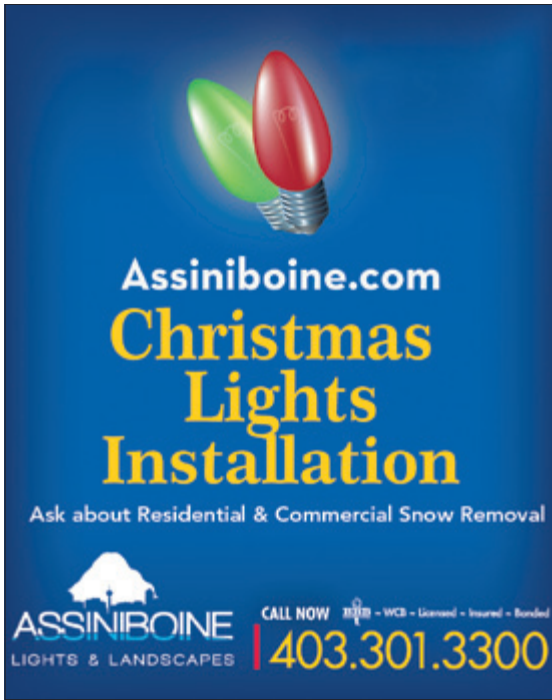
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	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
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August 2017	\$519,900	\$508,000
July 2017	\$529,950	\$526,660
June 2017	\$572,400	\$559,000
May 2017	\$547,000	\$548,000
April 2017	\$515,950	\$521,000
March 2017	\$516,350	\$502,750
February 2017	\$514,200	\$495,000
January 2017	\$592,200	\$575,000
December 2016	\$494,900	\$483,500
November 2016	\$525,000	\$495,000

Last 12 Months COUNTRY HILLS

MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
October 2017	\$369,000	\$365,000
September 2017	\$424,700	\$407,500
August 2017	\$359,900	\$350,000
July 2017	\$493,950	\$474,750
June 2017	\$394,450	\$375,500
May 2017	\$459,900	\$465,700
April 2017	\$420,000	\$403,000
March 2017	\$362,450	\$354,000
February 2017	\$359,900	\$360,000
January 2017	\$384,900	\$376,500
December 2016	\$0	\$0
November 2016	\$369,900	\$359,000

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With patches of white and black.

I've large pointed ears, a long pointed nose,
A tail that looks bushy and snuggly.
In the cool morning fog I may look like a dog,
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The Whimsical Holidays of Thomas Roy

American actor Thomas Roy and his wife have created a number of "special" holidays. Among his November holidays are: "Cook Something Bold and Pungent Day", "Married To A Scorpio Support Day", "Have a Bad Day Day", "Name Your PC Day", "Blasé Day" and "Stay Home Because You're Well Day".





Do You or a Family Member Qualify for the RDSP?

By Toddy Kam, CFP®, CFA

The Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) was introduced in 2008 to help individuals with severe and prolonged disabilities save for their long-term financial security. However, many Canadians have not yet taken advantage of its benefits, which can help disabled individuals provide a better future for themselves and their families.

A participant may hold only one RDSP account, which is limited to a lifetime total of \$200,000 in non-government contributions. Contributions are not tax-deductible, and the plan is not designed as a short-term savings vehicle or for regularly withdrawing money in the short term.

RDSP benefits include the following:

- Contributions accumulate tax-free until the money is withdrawn.
- Contributions do not impact federal benefits and have little, if any, impact on provincial benefits.

REMEMBRANCE

Canada observes the tradition of Remembrance Day on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Other nations observe a solemn day but at different dates. For example, ANZAC Day is observed in New Zealand on April 25. In South Africa, Poppy Day is marked on the Sunday that falls closest to November 11.



Government Grants and Bonds Available

If eligible, you can help build your RDSP with government grant and bond contributions.

Savings bonds – The government may pay into an RDSP a Canada disability savings bond of up to \$1,000 annually, up to a maximum lifetime limit of \$20,000, dependent only on family net income with no personal contributions required.

Savings grants – An RDSP beneficiary may receive a Canada disability savings grant of up to \$3,500 per year, up to a maximum lifetime limit of \$70,000. The amount is based on contributions and family net income.

Both bonds and grants are available until the year the participant reaches age 49. Generally, bonds and grants must remain in the account for at least 10 years before a withdrawal may be made, and withdrawals must begin by the end of the year in which the participant reaches age 60. Additionally, for any account established on or after January 2011, the RDSP may carry forward unused grant and bond entitlements up to 10 years preceding its opening.

Rollover Option

As of July 2011, a deceased individual's Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP), Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) or Registered Pension Plan (RPP) can be rolled on a tax-deferred basis into an RDSP for a financially dependent infirm child or grandchild. This option is often overlooked.

It's important to be informed about the steps you can take today for your financial future, including knowing if you or a family member may qualify for the RDSP.

News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke



Join us on Wednesday November 15 at Triwood Community Centre Lounge at 7 p.m. for our annual members meeting. Details on www.fonhs.org.

The Supreme Court of Canada played a role in the creation of Nose Hill Park. Planned public purchase of land for a park can be a legitimate reason for refusing to grant a building permit or for a refusal of an application for rezoning.

In 1973, Calgary passed a resolution restricting urban development on 4100 acres in the Nose Hill area and requiring investigation by the City of “all available means” to acquire the land. In 1976, the City reduced the size of the proposed Nose Hill Park by deleting the western parcel of 1500 acres. The Municipal Plan in 1979 said there will be a plan for Nose Hill Park. Then the City passed an area structure plan called Crowchild III which refers to the “proposed Nose Hill Park”.

The City adopted the Nose Hill Master Plan by Parks and Recreation to outline the types of recreational activity desirable in the park. This plan put forward 3 alternative park concepts which were evaluated and with recommendations. As a policy document, it was incorporated in the Municipal Plan in June 1980. (There was a Master Plan Review in 1993). With approval of its plan

for Nose Hill Park, the City authorized the purchase of land in the park.

The Court determined that: when a municipality makes a firm decision to create a park and demonstrates this in a land-use bylaw, this does not mean that the municipality must create the park immediately.

Under the 1963 law, land could not be zoned as parkland unless the municipality owned the land at the time. Once the decision was made, it had to acquire the land within 6 months. Otherwise, the bylaw was no longer in force.

In 1984, the Court observed that the law has gradually moved away from the rights of the property owner as paramount to planning flexibility and public interest as more important. Alberta decided that, if the rights of individuals and the public conflict, then to the extent necessary, the “greater public interest” must prevail. Ottawa agreed. In other words, *there is nothing inherently wrong with a development freeze*. The Appeal was dismissed with costs.

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Who Are We and What Do We Do

Hello and welcome to our new monthly column!

You're probably wondering who the Federation of Calgary Communities is. We are a local non-profit organization that supports over 220 other small non-profit organizations in Calgary, including our city's community associations. In case you don't know what a community association is, they are also non-profit organizations that exist in every neighbourhood in Calgary. Community associations work to foster a sense of belonging by bringing neighbours together through social, recreational, and educational opportunities close to home, as well as be a voice for community life on issues that affect the neighbourhood. A great example is this community newsletter. Much of this wonderful content is gathered and produced by your community association. There are 152 community associations in our city, and we at the Federation of Calgary Communities are their support organization!

Did you know that community associations make up the largest collective volunteer movement in Calgary, with more than 20,000 volunteers involved?! Many Calgarians aren't aware that community associations are run by volunteers in the community. These volunteers make up a Board of Directors, which needs an organization that understands their needs and can support them in their various roles, and that's where we come in!

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See you next month!



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4	7	1	3	5	8	9	2	6
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Faith formation is a priority at the Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD). To guide us in our faith journey, we have an annual faith theme. For the 2017-2018 school year, we have introduced a new three-year faith theme –“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.” (Matthew 7:7)

This year, we will focus on the first part of the theme, “Ask, and it will be given you.” This theme speaks to the power of faith and prayer. Fostering a faith relationship with God through prayer is part of the ongoing work of Catholic education, as it is through prayer that we come to know God’s abundant love and mercy for us, are helped to become all that God wishes us to be and learn to live and act in God’s abiding presence.

Faith formation remains one of our four district priorities this year, as well as student success, student wellness and success for First Nations, Metis and Inuit students. Together with our district administration, we will focus on our faith theme, as well as our district priorities. We are thankful to our district administrators, teachers and staff; we know that through working together we can meet these priorities and help our students succeed.

In recognizing the value and importance of Catholic education, we encourage our community to celebrate Catholic Education Sunday at their local parish on November 4-5. During this weekend, there will be a special collection at each mass, with some funds going to the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation (CCEF). The CCEF is a charitable organization that provides grants to support innovative programs and projects that touch the lives of students in our schools. We thank the CCEF for their support in providing enhanced educational opportunities for Calgary Catholic students and we look forward to celebrating the wonderful work that takes place throughout our province in Catholic schools.





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Small businesses are vital to the Canadian economy. Business owners work hard and have often sacrificed a great deal in order to become successful. That is why I am deeply concerned about the small business tax increases that the Federal Government has proposed. Any changes to Canada's tax system must ensure that small businesses are given every opportunity to grow, create good paying jobs, and contribute to our economy. With those principles in mind, I have supported legislation in the past, and will continue to support legislation in the future, that lowers taxes for small and medium-sized businesses, reduces government red tape, and allows entrepreneurs to create jobs.

The formal consultation on the Federal Government's proposals closed on October 02, 2017 but, if you would like to learn more about the proposed changes please visit my website www.MichelleRempel.ca.

In order to hear directly from those in our community on this issue I held a Town Hall Meeting at the end of September that was attended by over 300 individuals. Due to the short notice of the event I was unable to advertise the meeting via billboard signs and apologize if you were not aware of the event. The overwhelming majority of the individuals who attended, and who have contacted me through my office, are opposed to the proposed changes.

Now that the consultation period has closed the debate shifts to Parliament. Please continue to send me your feedback and suggestions on this topic as we debate these changes.

I have also sponsored an online petition which you can access via: www.e1239.ca

Thank you to those who have contacted me on this issue already. I will continue to bring the voices of small business owners in our community forward as the debate proceeds.

Let me begin with congratulations to our new City councilors for Ward 3 and Ward 4 and to our new CBE school board trustee for Ward 3 / 4. Thank you to Linda Wellman, for continuing to serve after being acclaimed as school board trustee for the CCSD. I would like to extend my willingness to work with our elected candidates in the months ahead. My appreciation goes to all candidates who ran in this election, expressing their vision for North Central Calgary.

On Sunday, November 5, we set our clocks back an hour as Daylight Savings Time ends for the year. Daylight Savings Time is something about which Albertans care deeply. After MLA Thomas Dang brought forward Private Members' Bill 203 to abolish Daylight Savings Time, the Legislative Assembly sent the bill to committee for study. Public consultation was held, with over 14,000 Albertans participating. The majority indicated they want to see Daylight Savings Time abolished.

However, Albertans also communicated that abolishing Daylight Savings Time could have economic implications for various sectors. At this time in Alberta's economic recovery, we need to carefully consider impacts to businesses that diversify our economy and create jobs. With this in mind, the committee recommended that Alberta take leadership in encouraging other jurisdictions in North America to also discuss with their citizens the merits of abolishing Daylight Savings Time. In this way, various jurisdictions could move in unison to eliminate Daylight Savings Time while mitigating economic impacts resulting from misalignment with our neighbours.

Some have called for a referendum on the matter. However, Alberta has held referendums on Daylight Savings Time twice already. Referendums are expensive and not the best use of resources when public consultation has clearly indicated Albertans' desire for change. We will continue to work together to get this right. Meanwhile, enjoy that extra hour of sleep on Sunday, November 5!

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