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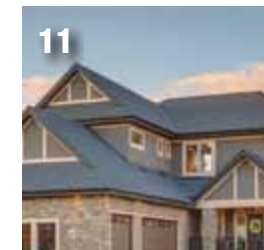
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Allysa	14	403-614-1937	Yes
Farnaz	14	403-714-2075	Yes
Chloe	14	403-471-5899	Yes
Alicia	14	403-470-2243	Yes
Kalyn	15	403-473-7907	No
Teagan	15	403-400-3438	No
Amber	15	587-349-4855	Yes
Kiera	16	403-816-1822	Yes
Nana	16	403-918-4652	Yes
Gabriella	17	403-208-1698	Yes
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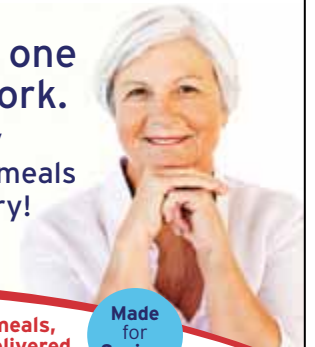
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District Dig Tree Planting

I wanted to give a big thanks to all of the families that came out to help and make this event a big success.

We had 47 people come out to help and we planted a total of 15 trees and 37 shrubs and bushes.

The girls have been anticipating this event since December when we applied to the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Tree Planting Grant Program. This is provided via the Girl Guides of Canada program and allows for both individual and multiple units to work together and apply. Individual units are eligible to receive grants of \$500 and Units working together can qualify grants of up to \$2,500.

Luckily, we were eligible for the \$2,500 grant where the girls from 6 units came out to help plant all the trees that were purchased with the grant.

The TD FEF Tree Planting Grant Program offers girls and young women a hands-on way to raise their awareness of environmental issues while supporting them to transform green spaces in their communities. Through grants of up to \$2,500 for girl-led tree planting and greening projects, this environmental initiative helps to bring girls and nature closer together as they make their communities greener and more livable.

By participating in the program, girls learned:

- About the trees and shrubs native to their community and how they support the local ecosystem
- How to plant trees and remove invasive species
- The issues around climate change and how tree planting combats those issues
- The importance of environmental stewardship
- To connect with the earth through its most natural resources
- How to plan a successful community event

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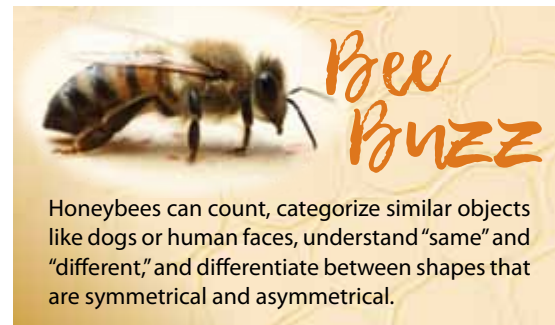
The girls spent the beautiful day digging holes, filling them with dirt and trees, watering all the plants on the acreage and planting some other things such as squash and potatoes. The girls came out of there with a sense of pride and accomplishment.



It was inspiring to see the girls getting dirty, having fun learning new skills, and using those skills to give back to their communities.

Thank you so much to 122nd Sparks, 142nd Sparks, 201st Brownies, 66th Guides, 60th Guides, and 278th Guides of the Wichewakn District for making this event a huge success. Thank you to Grow Calgary, TD FEF, and our parents for all their support.

Registration is now open for girls and women to join please visit www.girlguides.ca or email wichewakn@hotmail.com for questions.



Honeybees can count, categorize similar objects like dogs or human faces, understand "same" and "different," and differentiate between shapes that are symmetrical and asymmetrical.



Community Preparedness Building Safe Communities Program

As Calgarians we know that emergencies can affect our communities at any point. Many emergencies may not be preventable but we can minimize the risk by being prepared. Here is a list of ways you and your neighbours can be prepared.

1. Know your neighbours

If an emergency does arise, if you know your neighbours you can readily identify neighbours who may have special needs, mobility or those who need additional assistance in an event of emergency.

2. Know the potential risks and hazards in your community

The more residents are aware of areas in their community that are potential risks, the better prepared a community can be. Be proactive!

3. Know the evacuation routes

Knowing how to get of your neighbourhood can reduce traffic congestion and allow for emergency personal easy access.

Emergency numbers, Calgary and area:

- Ambulance, Fire, Police, Hazardous Materials Spills: 9-1-1
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- Electrical Emergency - ENMAX Power: 403-514-6100
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Backyard Play Safety

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to encourage parents and caregivers to ensure their backyard play areas are made safe for children. Although direct supervision is the best method to reduce the chance of injury, ensure your play equipment in your yard is in good repair and is suitable for the age and skill of the children using it. Check play equipment often; replace or repair any worn or broken parts. Set up play equipment over top a 9-inch layer of shock-absorbing material such as sand, wood chips, or pea gravel which extends 6 feet out in all directions from the play area.

Water hazards

- Drowning contributes to unintentional injury-related death among children ages one to four;
- Children can drown in just a few centimetres of water if it covers their mouth and nose;
- Ensure all backyard swimming pools are fenced. The fence must be at least 1.8 metres (*) high and have a self-latching, self-closing, lockable gate. (*Alberta Building Code)

Lawn and garden tools

- Keep young children away from outdoor power equipment;
- Serious burns may result from touching hot engine surfaces;
- Ensure that all sharp tools, fuel, chemicals, and other hazardous substances are stored in a secure, locked area. A simple latch may not be sufficient.

Insect bites and stings

- Minimize the risk of attracting insects by not wearing strong perfumes or scented lotions;
- Avoid wearing brightly coloured clothing outdoors;
- Consider destroying or relocating hives and nests situated near your home;
- To avoid injury through inadvertently stepping on a stinging insect always wear footwear outdoors;
- If your child has received an 'EpiPen, Junior' prescription from your physician (for anaphylactic reactions only) ensure they understand when and how to use it;
- If your child experiences a severe reaction to an insect sting, or other environmental cause, seek medical attention, or call 9-1-1.

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Ask Charles

I'm selling my house, and the listing agreement says I have to pay my real estate agent commissions if my place sells after the agreement ends. Is that legal?

It sounds like you're referring to the "holdover" clause, which is found in most residential listing agreements (seller representation agreements) in Alberta. And yes, holdover clauses are legal.

A holdover clause permits your real estate brokerage to collect its fee or commission from you if you enter into a purchase contract with a buyer within a specific number of days after your listing agreement ends and that buyer was introduced to your property during the term of the listing agreement. The length of the holdover period is negotiable between you and your real estate professional.

When a real estate professional lists your home, your listing agreement sets out that you will pay your brokerage in the event your home sells.

Imagine you have a 90-day listing agreement. On day 88, your real estate professional arranged for a showing of your home to a buyer. The buyer liked it, but had to think about it for a few days. On day 91, the buyer decides they want to buy your home. That buyer only knew about your home being for sale because of the listing you had on it with your real estate professional.

Assume you didn't extend your listing agreement, on day 91, your home is no longer officially for sale but you still want to sell. The buyer that viewed your home on

day 88 writes on Offer to Purchase for your home, and you accept their offer.

Now the holdover clause kicks in.

Because you're selling your home to a buyer who was introduced to it during the term of your listing agreement, the holdover clause requires you to pay your real estate brokerage the commission you agreed to in your listing agreement.

Your real estate professional did what they set out to do – they sold your home for a price with which you were happy. They deserve, and have every right, to be paid for their work.

The holdover clause also protects a real estate brokerage's commission in the unlikely event a buyer and seller want to work together to get a deal done, but they wait until just after the listing agreement ends merely so they don't have to pay commission. If in such a case the buyer was introduced to the seller's property during the term of the listing, the real estate professional deserves to be compensated for their work. Side deals between a seller and that buyer shouldn't affect the ability of the seller's real estate brokerage to collect its commission.

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Don't Let Your Investments Take a "Vacation"

It's summer again – time for many of us to take a break and possibly hit the open road. But even if you go on vacation, you won't want your investments to do the same – in summertime or any other season. How can you help make sure your portfolio continues to work hard for you all year long?

Here are a few suggestions:

Avoid owning too many "low growth" investments

As you know, different investments have different characteristics and can help you in different ways. For example, you typically own stocks because you want the potential for growth. Other investments, such as guaranteed investment certificates (GICs), provide you with a regular source of income and stability of principal – two valuable contributions to your portfolio. However, investments like GICs don't offer much in the way of growth potential. So, if you own too many of them, you might be slowing your progress toward your important financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

You can maximize the productivity of your portfolio by owning a variety of investments – domestic stocks, international stocks, corporate bonds, GICs and more. How much of each investment should you own? The answer depends on a variety of factors, including your age, income, risk tolerance, family situation and specific objectives. Over time, your ideal investment mix may change, but you'll likely need at least some growth potential at every stage of your life.

Don't let your portfolio go "unsupervised"

Your investment portfolio can be subject to "drift" if left alone for extended time periods. In fact, without your making any moves at all, your portfolio can move in directions that may not be favourable to you. Suppose you think your holdings should be made up of 70% stocks, but due to strong gains, your stocks now make up 80% of your portfolio. This development could lead to a risk level that feels uncomfortably high to you. That's why you should review your portfolio at least once a year, possibly with the help of a financial professional, to check your progress and make adjustments as needed.

Don't stop at the nearest "resting place"

Some people hope that if they can get that one "winner," they will triumph in the investment arena. But the ability to "get rich quick" is much more of a myth than a reality. True investment success typically requires patience, persistence and the resilience to continue investing even during market downturns.

In other words, investing is a long-term endeavour, and you need a portfolio that reflects this reality. You need to establish your goals and keep them constantly in mind as you invest. And you will never really reach the end of your investment journey, because you'll need to make choices and manage your portfolio throughout your retirement years.

Hopefully, you will enjoy a pleasant vacation sometime this summer. But your investment portfolio shouldn't take time off.

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The Merlin

Article by J.G. Turner • Photo by N. Suret

The Merlin is a little falcon (weighing just 129 to 236 grams and measuring up to 30 cm), about the size of a Jay. The female Merlin is about a third larger than males and are brown. The males have a gray/blue upper and a black and gray barred tail. Both the male and female have whitish streaked throats, and buff coloured underbody with brown streaks.

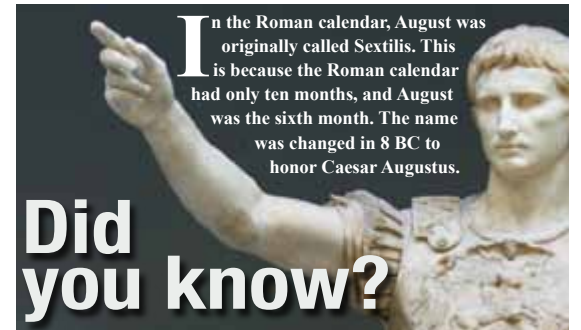
The Merlin likes to live in open woodlands, marshy areas and open countryside. The Merlin migrates to Alberta as one of their favoured breeding areas and can be seen along Alberta's foothills during their migration, as they will go as far north as the Yukon and Alaska. For the winter months, the Merlin migrates to northern South America, although some have begun to over-winter in the city.

Fun Facts:

- Sometimes the Merlin is called the "Pigeon Hawk" because when flying, it looks like a fast-flying domestic pigeon
- A falcon is a raptor (hunting bird) that has thin pointed wings that let them fly very fast and change direction quickly.
- The Merlin can easily fly at 50 kilometres per hour, and can fly even faster when hunting.
- The Merlin has excellent hearing and eyesight and is a powerful flier.
- The Merlin mostly hunts small to medium sized birds, such as songbirds, but it will also seek out small mammals (such as mice, voles, and bats), reptiles and insects (like dragonflies).

- The Merlin will hunt other birds by surprise attack from a hidden perch, or from searching flights, attacking from below and tiring out their prey.
- The Merlin has been observed hunting in pairs, working together to flush out and confuse their prey.
- The Merlin is diurnal, so they hunt during the day.
- The Merlin is usually a solitary, quiet bird but makes a shrill chatter sound when nesting.

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May 2017	\$554,900	\$547,800
April 2017	\$599,900	\$595,500
March 2017	\$579,450	\$560,000
February 2017	\$654,450	\$627,500
January 2017	\$494,500	\$483,500
December 2016	\$499,900	\$495,000
November 2016	\$589,900	\$584,950
October 2016	\$498,500	\$487,500
September 2016	\$565,000	\$548,000
August 2016	\$494,450	\$487,500
July 2016	\$567,400	\$550,000

Last 12 Months ROCKY RIDGE
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
June 2017	\$544,894	\$545,500
May 2017	\$589,900	\$580,500
April 2017	\$544,940	\$535,000
March 2017	\$564,450	\$541,000
February 2017	\$564,900	\$547,500
January 2017	\$522,500	\$516,000
December 2016	\$515,950	\$503,500
November 2016	\$566,413	\$556,500
October 2016	\$529,900	\$530,050
September 2016	\$599,900	\$580,000
August 2016	\$619,900	\$600,000
July 2016	\$549,900	\$560,000

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HOME GARDENING WITH BARBARA

Spring Flowering Bulbs

Gardeners have vision. All gardeners, not just the ones we admire and envy. You, me, the neighbour next door. What else would you call it when an ordinary person buys a bag of bulbs in the fall, buries them in the ground, and believes they will produce amazing blooms in 7 or 8 months?

The garden centres will have an abundance of bulbs in stock soon and your biggest decision is what to choose. There are literally thousands of bulbs on the shelves and most of us have limited garden space. The most common hardy spring-flowering bulbs for a Calgary garden are tulip, narcissus/daffodil, allium, iris, crocus, grape hyacinth and squill. The last three are petite and bloom early in the spring, the others show up later, and the irises finish their display in June. Technically, iris grows from a rhizome, but you can treat it like a bulb when planting in the fall. In addition to this list, you can find many more exotic bulbs, just don't expect them to return year after year in our climate.

There are two kinds of tulips that survive here: species (or native) and hybridized. The species tulips should spread into established colonies, returning every year. The large hybrids are more showy and popular with gardeners, but often are best only their first year. My wonderful show of huge pink tulips a few years ago has never been repeated and I fondly remember them as annuals.

If you wish to have a show of continuous color throughout the spring (of course you do) read the labels carefully, and choose from early, mid and late spring varieties. Then check the labels again for height, as they come in 6" all the way to 28" sizes. How silly to put the tall ones in the front and the short ones behind out of sight. Then there are singles, doubles, lily-flowered, fringed and parrot types, to mention only a few. There are actually 15 divisions of tulip classifications, so it is no wonder the casual gardener gets a bit bewildered. Alliums, likewise, have many varieties, and provide colour between tulips and daffodils and later blooming summer flowers.

Bulbs of all varieties look best in mass plantings of solid colors or two complementary colors. No nice tidy



rows, please, unless they are being used for cut flowers; a block of color has far more impact. What colors you choose is strictly personal - plant what looks beautiful to your eye. A sunny spot is best, although some varieties are forgiving and will bloom later in partial shade. Because they are among the earliest color in our Chinook gardens, tulips partner nicely with other bulbs like Muscari (Grape Hyacinth), Scilla (Squill) and dwarf Narcissus.

Get your bulbs in the ground in Sept or October; they need some time to root before the ground freezes. If you share your garden with squirrels, cover the new planting with wire mesh secured by stakes or rocks to keep those little paws from digging them up. Squirrels are particularly fond of tulip bulbs. And while you are at it, be sure to add some new ones in your front yard for the pleasure of your friends and neighbours.

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Information about the Municipal Election – Changes to the Ward 1 Office

The City of Calgary is approaching their next municipal election. There will be some changes that will occur on Nomination Day, September 18 until Election Day, October 16. **Councillor Sutherland's City website will be updated until Nomination Day, September 18, 2017, and then it must be locked down.**

Newsletter articles sent to community newsletters can continue if the information is needed by constituents. Newspaper content must speak about what is happening in the community and not what the Councillor has done in the community. Mass emailing is allowed with Ward issues only if the messaging is of benefit to the constituent.

2017 Election Ward Boundary Changes

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City Council continues to be busy over the summer months making important decisions that will impact Calgarians for many years to come. One of these major decisions has been the approval of the Green Line LRT. On June 26, 2017 Council approved the recommended alignment and station locations for the Green Line LRT from 160th Avenue in the North to Seton in the South. However, with the revised plan to only build the Green Line LRT to 16th Avenue in the North, I voted against this alignment. I would have liked Council to look at alternatives that could have been less costly so that the Green Line LRT could be built further North to at least North Pointe where it could serve the communities of Ward 2.

Council also approved a motion to direct city administration to complete a risk assessment and to evaluate the merits of testing autonomous vehicles on Calgary's roadways. As technology advances in this area, I want to ensure that our roadways are safe for all drivers and pedestrians.

Fines for unsafe fire pits and burning prohibited materials have recently been increased. The regulations for fire pits include:

- Using a mesh screen or spark guard to reduce the spread of embers and sparks
- Extinguishing the flame by midnight on weekdays and 1 a.m. on weekends
- Restricting the height of the flame to one metre
- Ensuring the fire pit is at least two metres from other structures and is not under a tree or overhanging branches
- Ensuring you have a means of extinguishing the fire on hand and that you put it out before you leave it unattended

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