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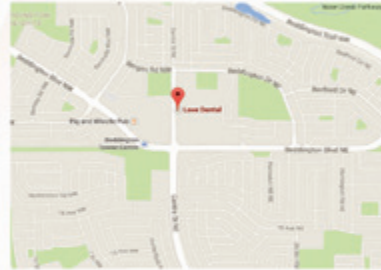


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3rd Tuesday of Every Month

January 19, 2016

February 16, 2016

March 15, 2016

April 19, 2016

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June 21, 2016



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FEBRUARY MOON CALENDAR



New
Moon
Feb 8



First
Quarter
Feb 15



Full
Moon
Feb 22

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Calgary

The ReTree Community Program is coming to your neighbourhood!

This new initiative is targeting 25 communities each year over the next three years. These communities were chosen based on many factors, such as storm damage from 'Snowtember' 2014, open canopy space and community interest. Trees will be planted on City owned property such as, along boulevards and in front of homes.

We will also be providing free education programs for each community to host. Keep an eye in your community newsletter or website for upcoming dates and programs.

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BLOCK WATCH

DECEMBER 2015 CRIME STATISTICS SANDSTONE

Break and Enter - Shop

Between December 5 at 18:00 and December 6 at 16:00 on Sandarac Close a town house parking garage/recycling garbage area was broken into. The culprit pried the door to gain entry and seemed familiar with the premises.

Theft of Vehicle

On December 21 at 6:25 at the 100 block of Sandstone Road a vehicle was stolen from a residential driveway. The culprit was disguised and used a key and knife in the theft.

Theft from Vehicle

Between December 2 at 22:30 and December 5 at 15:00 at the 200 block of Sandstone Road NW a car parked on the street was broken into.

Between December 16 at 18:30 and December 17 at 8:00 at the 0 block of Sanderling Road NW a truck parked in a residential driveway was broken into. The method of entry is unknown.

On December 15 at 12:30 at the 200 block of Sandringham Close NW a car parked on the street was broken into. The culprit entered through an unlocked door.

On December 8 at 17:00 at the 0 block of Sandarac Road NW a car parked on the street was broken into.

On December 21 between 14:00 and 15:20 at Beddington Trail NW and Harvest Hills Blvd NW a truck parked in a lot had a window broken and the vehicle ransacked.

Between December 20 at 8:00 and January 4 at 8:00 at the 200 block of Sandpiper Close NW a vehicle parked in a residential driveway was broken into.

MACEWAN GLEN

Break and Enter - Other

On December 1 between 00:01 and 10:00 at the 0 block of Macewan Meadow Link NW the detached garage of a single family residence was broken into by entering an unlocked door.

Theft from Vehicle

Between December 15 at 16:00 and December 18 at 16:00 at the 500 block of Macewan Drive NW a car was broken into in a residential driveway.

Between December 18 at 18:00 and December 19 at 10:14 at the 0 block of Macewan Ridge Close NW a truck was broken into and ransacked in a residential driveway. The method of entry is unknown.

Between December 18 at 17:00 and December 20 at 16:00 at the 100 block of Macewan Park Close NW a truck in a residential driveway was broken into. The culprit gained entry through an unlocked door.

Between December 27 at 23:00 and December 28 at 7:30 at the 100 block of Macewan Glen Place NW a truck parked on the street was broken into and the vehicle ransacked. The culprit entered through an unlocked door.

On December 28 at 2:01 at the 0 block of Macewan Park Link NW a car parked on the street was broken into by entering an unlocked door.

Vandalism

Between 00:00 and 1:30 on December 16 at the 0 block of Macewan Park Rd NW a vehicle parked on the street was vandalized by prying the lock and tampering with the ignition.

2015 Year End Totals	MacEwan Glen	Sandstone
Break & Enter - House	13	20
Break & Enter - Shop	1	8
Break and Enter - Other	2	1
Theft of Vehicle	3	5
Theft from Vehicle	36	34
Vandalism	28	25

If you have any information about the above incidents contact the Calgary Police Service at 403-266-1234 or if you witness a crime in progress call 9-1-1.

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IN & AROUND CALGARY

City staff hit the roads throughout snow season

As snow has been falling around the city this winter, Calgarians have come together to make the season fun, safe, and enjoyable for everyone.

When snow falls, City Parks crews quickly started clearing designated pathways, and Roads crews are always working hard to plow, salt, and sand major roadways. These teams often work overnight to keep the greatest number of Calgarians moving safely. Keeping the roads safe for everyone is a joint effort between The City and Calgarians, too. When it snows, make sure to give yourself extra

time to reach your destination and leave extra distance between you and the car ahead of you. Calgary.ca/snow is a one-stop shop for winter driving tips, the road conditions map, FAQs, updates and more.

Snow Angels have been keeping sidewalks safe for everyone, too. Keeping sidewalks shovelled, ice-free and safe can be very challenging – even dangerous – for older adults and others who have limited mobility. To be a Snow Angel, all you have to do is adopt a sidewalk and keep it clear when it snows. Watch for people in your neighbourhood who could use help removing snow and lend them a hand. Visit Calgary.ca/snowangels for more information, and make sure to recognize your Snow Angel by calling 311.

The Best Neighbourhoods Survey is now open.

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Sandstone MacEwan Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months SANDSTONE VALLEY MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2015	\$439,900	\$416,500
November 2015	\$459,900	\$451,000
October 2015	\$549,900	\$536,500
September 2015	\$427,140	\$415,900
August 2015	\$574,600	\$560,833
July 2015	\$441,448	\$440,193
June 2015	\$443,900	\$428,600
May 2015	\$446,820	\$436,640
April 2015	\$464,625	\$455,150
March 2015	\$434,457	\$424,857
February 2015	\$489,533	\$480,133
January 2015	\$447,375	\$440,000

Last 12 Months MacEWAN GLEN MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2015	\$409,900	\$400,000
November 2015	\$439,933	\$420,833
October 2015	\$442,566	\$435,333
September 2015	\$449,900	\$448,000
August 2015	\$407,057	\$398,928
July 2015	\$446,200	\$436,750
June 2015	\$459,800	\$453,473
May 2015	\$474,647	\$468,875
April 2015	\$479,698	\$477,516
March 2015	\$483,625	\$467,500
February 2015	\$642,400	\$660,000
January 2015	\$448,200	\$441,475

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit sandstone.great-news.ca or macewan_glen.great-news.ca



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 Calgary City Hall is, by definition, a public space where citizens can visit, attend Council and Committee meetings, and present on issues that matter to them. City Hall 101 aims to throw open the doors and welcome you to this important city space.

Much like an introductory course at University (hence the "101"), this afternoon workshop is an interactive welcome to your City Hall. In just two and half hours, you will learn about the inner workings of Council and its Committees. And to help you find your voice in government, the event will explore the many ways (at City Hall, online, or in your community) that you can connect with your City, Mayor, and Councillors.

Hosted by the Mayor's Civic Engagement Committee, 3 Things for Calgary, and the City Clerk's Office, City Hall 101 starts by welcoming you and other Calgarians to Historic City Hall and the Municipal Complex.

Beyond touring these important public spaces, you will also learn from citizens like yourself about how you can present to Council or Committee. From getting your turn at the microphone or getting tips or tricks about speaking with Council, the goal of the workshop is to help you get the knowledge and confidence to connect with The City and your politicians about the issues that matter to you.

The next City Hall 101 is 4 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016. You can register at Calgary.ca/CityHall101.

Interested in doing a job that counts? The City is recruiting civic census takers now!

The City's civic census is conducted annually and that means census taker recruitment is underway. The City needs nearly 1,000 flexible workers to help with the door-to-door physical Census collection and data recording in April.

Census takers need to be able to walk in reasonable weather conditions and easily operate a tablet computer. Census takers are provided with essential training, to be completed at home online and must be available for an in-person session in March.

Applications can be downloaded online and are accepted in person, at The City of Calgary Election and Information Services office, 1103 55 Ave NE, between 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. In addition to completing an application form, there is a written skills assessment test that takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

We can preserve nature and foster biodiversity for future generations, by staying on designated pathways and trails in our parks, in addition to respecting wildlife habitat and their migration patterns. The long-range plans are to monitor and manage invasive species (weeds); reduce habitat fragmentation; and link important habitat areas in the city and region.

The city-wide Biodiversity committee has met and a website with agenda and minutes is in the works. In the meantime, digital versions of the 10-year strategic plan can be found on the City's biodiversity page at: www.calgary.ca/biodiversity.

Many of Calgary's existing open space sites, such as Nose Hill, Union Cemetery, Reader Rock Garden, Riley Park, Fort Calgary, and Inglewood Bird Sanctuary are in

the category of Cultural landscapes. A major challenge is determining which method is most appropriate for the resource, with a view toward protection, preservation or conservation, and restoration.

Cultural resource projects may include some or all of the following:

- Protection: measures needed to guard against further damage or deterioration;
- Preservation: ongoing maintenance activities that preserve the historic appearance or features of the landscape;
- Restoration: the removal of later additions and the re-creation of missing elements

Of the 800 kms of city-wide pathways, City Council approved snow clearing for up to 350 kms. Generally, City Parks crews are to clear snow on pathways within 24 hours and on sidewalks adjacent to parks within 72 hours. Re: concerns about pathways in natural parks not being cleared, some trails/pathways are best used only in non-winter months. Due to the steepness of the slope or site conditions, there may be safety concerns for potential pathway users and crews.

Environmentally Significant Areas (ESAs) are land with conservation value.

This applies to the river valley system, the urban forest, and natural environment parks. The land includes escarpments, natural grasslands, woodlots, and native pasture but also pertains to wetlands, natural bodies of water, and riparian corridors (along the river margins and banks).

There is an update on Open Space policy for recreational and environmental park spaces. Stakeholder consultation meetings with City Parks staff and industry began in February 2015. A final draft form of impact assessment for ESAs was debated by Council in early 2016. Planning and mapping guidelines are expected and a work program completed by March 2016.



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Snowfall by the numbers. In any given snow event, our amazing crew clears more than 2.8 million square metres (30.1 million square feet) of pavement surface. On average each winter we receive 170.9 cm of snow, with our highest average snowfall (29.3 cm) usually occurring in April.



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