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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Valentines! Did Balzac Billy see his shadow? Are we planning to pull out our golf clubs and bikes?

Did you happen to notice the front page of January's newsletter? One of our rink volunteers, Colin May, took that photo on a very cold night when they were flooding.

I was unable to comment on the "Light up the Rink" evening the SMCA board sponsored in December due to newsletter timelines. To recap, on December 20th we hosted an event at the pleasure rink and were extremely pleased with the turnout. Over 125 individuals braved the blistery winds to join us for hot chocolate, cookies and a visit from Santa. A very special thanks to a long-standing Sandstone resident, Dennis Mcareavy (Santa), for handing out treats and putting smiles on the kids faces! The rink was in excellent shape and we had the opportunity to have the Kidsport Skate Shack trailer for individuals who needed helmets or skates. Thanks to Sean Chu (counsellor) and Karen McPherson (MLA) who took time out of their busy schedules to join us for a cup of hot chocolate. Fortunately, the winds died down and many of us enjoyed a beautiful winter evening sitting around the fire.

The SMCA board had a strategic meeting in December and with the assistance of Amanda Turvey, our City of Calgary partnership coordinator, we agreed on some short and long-term goals. As a short-term goal, we want to ensure residents of Sandstone and MacEwan communities celebrate one of Canada's milestone anni-



versaries, CANADA 150. The SMCA board has agreed to celebrate CANADA 150 on the 5th anniversary of Sandstock, however don't be surprised if you see some pop up barbeques throughout the communities. We have already voted to support one group of residents to host a neighborhood party and we hope you will take us up on the same offer. We encourage you to organize a neighborhood party or partner with others and host an event at one of the parks. The SMCA board will be happy to support you with advertising, organizing, and a bit of cash as well as CANADA 150 memorabilia.

In the upcoming months I will highlight more of our plans to support our communities. We have a new and improved website that we invested heavily in and hope you find value in this. Please take a look and let us know what you think. A special thanks to Darren Way for taking the lead on this project.

Please consider your neighbors when shoveling your sidewalks especially if they are unable to shovel their walks themselves. One small act of kindness is very gratifying.

Please remember to nominate your neighbor whose efforts deserve recognition by sending us an email to info@sandstonemacewan.com.

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Sue Coatham, President
 Celebrating 30 years of SMCA

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Hidden Valley Elementary (K-3 French)	403-777-7236
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Please note that in Calgary Playground zones are from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., all year around with a speed limit of 30km/h.

SMCA has fielded numerous complaints about speeding thru our Playground/School zones, please slow down to make our community safe for everyone!

To report an ongoing traffic concern, such as speeding issues, please submit a Traffic Service Request at:

<http://www.calgary.ca/cps/Pages/Traffic/Traffic-Service-Requests.aspx>

-Sarah Meagher-Bromley

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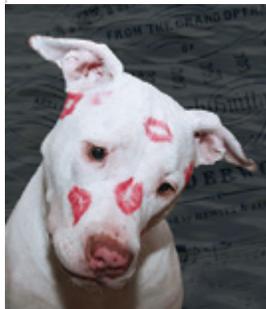
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Valentine's Trivia

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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 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
November 2016	\$484,900.00	\$468,750.00
October 2016	\$482,350.00	\$474,000.00
September 2016	\$320,000.00	\$315,000.00
August 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
July 2016	\$409,500.00	\$415,323.00
June 2016	\$464,450.00	\$458,900.00
May 2016	\$399,500.00	\$413,000.00
April 2016	\$459,900.00	\$459,500.00
March 2016	\$455,000.00	\$448,900.00
February 2016	\$470,000.00	\$453,000.00
January 2016	\$369,900.00	\$366,000.00

Last 12 Months MacEWAN GLEN MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
November 2016	\$410,000.00	\$395,000.00
October 2016	\$424,900.00	\$413,500.00
September 2016	\$385,000.00	\$373,000.00
August 2016	\$482,450.00	\$475,000.00
July 2016	\$431,450.00	\$424,500.00
June 2016	\$436,950.00	\$443,500.00
May 2016	\$399,000.00	\$390,500.00
April 2016	\$464,900.00	\$453,000.00
March 2016	\$404,850.00	\$387,500.00
February 2016	\$463,350.00	\$452,500.00
January 2016	\$539,900.00	\$535,000.00

To view more detailed information that comprise the above
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The Common Redpoll A Winter Migrant to Alberta

Article by J.G.Turner

Photo by J. Burns

The Common Redpoll is an energetic, little songbird with a flaming red cap, black throat, whitish rump and streaked back. This songbird a highly sociable, noisy, chattering bird that travels in large flocks of several hundred birds. It is one of the finch family's most northern breeders and is found circumpolar.

Fun Facts:

- You can find the Common Redpoll from April through September in the Yukon, Northwest and Nunavut Territories, and even across into Newfoundland and Labrador. The Common Redpoll migrates south into the lower Canadian provinces in late autumn.
- In Alberta, we are likely to see the Common Redpoll in the winter when they might forage as large groups in weedy fields or small tree lots.
- Sightings can be scarce when there are winter food shortages in their normal wintering range. This forces them to go even farther south, a behaviour called an "irruption." Common Redpolls tend to exhibit this irruptive behaviour every second year to match the production cycle of catkins on birch and alder trees.
- The Common Redpoll's normal breeding range is on the Arctic tundra or in boreal forests. The female nests

low down in dwarf willows, spruce, birch, alders, and small shrubs, where the male brings her food.

- This songbird likes the small high-energy seeds of birch and alder trees and can eat 42% of their body mass every day!
- When in a large group, the Common Redpoll often moves frantically on the ground in their search for seeds to eat.
- When it is extremely cold or food is scarce, the Common Redpoll can store some seeds temporarily in a stretchy part of their oesophagus (diverticula). They will knock seeds down, fly down to scoop them up, then find a sheltered and safe spot to shell and eat the seeds at their leisure.
- If you want to attract them to your yard you can plant birch trees, but we city folks are most likely to see them at a backyard feeder in the winter where they favour nyger seed offerings.

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal in distress, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society hotline at 403-239-2488, for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at www.calgarywildlife.org for more information.



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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Calgary has over 8,000 hectares of parkland and natural areas, including 800 kms of pathways. Public off-leash areas are also multi-use, so let's share these spaces. It is illegal to harass wildlife in parks and natural areas. Keep dogs on leash on paved pathways, even in an off-leash area if wildlife is near. Better to be safe than sorry. Keep your dog away from porcupines and coyotes.

Conservation in an urban world means protecting natural areas, according to Alberta Wilderness Association guest speaker Chris Manderson, urban conservation lead for the City Parks Department. He explored how Calgary has been shaped by its natural environments and, in turn, how they are impacted by a growing city of 1.2 million in an urbanising world. Although Calgary is blessed with a rich fabric of parks and protected areas, he acknowledged some of the new challenges and approaches to protecting Calgary's natural heritage. The Alberta Wilderness Association is a non-profit, federally registered, charitable society since 1965. Dedicated to the completion of a protected areas network and conservation of wilderness, the group has a provincial office and resource centre in Calgary, active members, volunteers, and sponsors in Alberta and beyond. Go to: www.albertawilderness.ca.

Since 1996, communities have had the option to pay a public tax for enhanced landscape maintenance in parks and other green spaces.

Usually, community associations and residents organizations are responsible for overseeing irrigation, weed management, mowing, trimming, and cleanup. The levy per household ranges from \$39 to \$219. City-wide standards for local parks were reviewed. If a \$5 levy was added city-wide, the increase would not be enough. Instead, the Canada 150 banner/flower pilot program in 16 communities will be extended for another two years and possibly expanded. Using native plantings instead of annuals would help reduce cost and watering. The City will ask for feedback, partner with garden and community groups, and explore options. The focus will be on community entrances, major intersections, and open spaces. The plan is to introduce flower beds and street light banners in each community. The aim is to add 20 communities a year, while 14 communities were involved in the This Is My Neighbourhood program. www.engage.calgary.ca/TIMN.

Alberta Ecotrust announced a 2nd annual Environmental Gathering: "Breaking Through", Feb. 23 – 25, 2017 at the Shaw Conference Centre, in Edmonton. Details are at www.albertaecotrust.com.

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Emma	15	403-275-0968	Yes
Joe	14	403-454-2801	Yes
Jordan	13	403-274-6910	Yes
Laikyn	13	403-702-5316	Yes
Lauren	23	587-893-8008	Yes
Leticia	19	403-275-5679	Yes
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Ask Charles

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Simply viewing a home with a real estate professional doesn't trigger a regulatory requirement to sign a contract with that real estate professional. However, if you start sharing confidential information such as your motivation for buying or your financial qualification, the real estate professional has a responsibility to clarify your working relationship, at which point they are going to provide you with some documents to review.

In the process of clarifying your working relationship, the first document a real estate professional should present to you is the Consumer Relationships Guide. The Consumer Relationships Guide is a mandatory document for real estate professionals when they begin working with a buyer or seller of residential real estate. It explains the different types of working relationships between real estate professionals and consumers.

The Consumer Relationships Guide is not a contract. It does not commit you to a specific ongoing working

relationship with your real estate professional, but it is an essential information piece for consumers to understand what working with a licensed real estate professional entails. Among other things, it discusses responsibilities and obligations.

The Consumer Relationships Guide contains an acknowledgement that consumers have to sign indicating they've read the Guide, understand it, and have been provided with an opportunity to ask the real estate professional questions about it. Consumers need to review and sign the Guide before entering into any contract with a real estate professional.

Some real estate professionals may actually present the Consumer Relationships Guide and request that you sign the acknowledgement even before showing you a single property, but that specific practice is not a requirement.

"Ask Charles" is a monthly question and answer column by Charles Stevenson, Director of Professional Standards with the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA), www.reca.ca. RECA is the independent, non-government agency responsible for the regulation of Alberta's real estate industry. We license, govern, and set the standards of practice for all real estate, mortgage brokerage, and real estate appraisal professionals in Alberta. To submit a question, email ask-charles@reca.ca.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

February Is Heart Month

Do you know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and what to do if someone experiences these? Knowing can make the difference between life and death. Recognizing and responding immediately to the warning signs of a potential heart attack can significantly improve survival and recovery.

February is Heart Month - take the time to be heart safe and learn how you can reduce your risk.

Know the signs of a heart attack

(Any, or all, of these signs & symptoms may occur)

- Chest discomfort described as crushing, squeezing, pressure, or heaviness;
- Discomfort that moves beyond the chest, such as the shoulder, arm, neck, or jaw;
- Shortness of breath, sweating, or nausea and vomiting.

Reduce your risk

Heart attack risk factors include:

- Obesity*
- Sedentary lifestyle*
- Smoking*
- High cholesterol*
- Age / gender
- Family history

Speak with your doctor about how to treat your modifiable (*) risk factors and learn to be heart safe.

What to do when seconds count

- Call 9-1-1 immediately. Early treatment can greatly reduce heart damage and make the difference of life and death;
- Treatment starts the moment EMS arrives. Paramedics can provide oxygen, start an intravenous and perform an electrocardiogram (ECG);
- Paramedics can also administer important medication(s) in the early minutes of a heart attack to lessen heart damage;
- During transport, EMS will share information with the hospital, so definitive treatment can begin immediately upon arrival;
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Since the beginning of the year I've had the opportunity to meet with many constituents at both our Lunar New Year Open House on January 28th at my constituency office and the SMB Town Hall I hosted on February 2nd. I really appreciate the time people took to come out and connect. I always look forward to meeting with constituents and hearing your feedback. If you missed either event and would like information about government programs and services, please contact my office or visit www.alberta.ca.

I was also so pleased to spend time with many of you at events in January such as the many Lunar New Year Celebrations in China Town, the Beddington Heights Winter Carnival and the various community association meetings. Did you know that each community in the Calgary Mackay Nose Hill riding has a skating rink? Huntington Hills has an indoor rink (with lots of hockey) and the others are seasonal outdoor rinks. Winter can be a challenging time to enjoy the outdoors so I'd like to encourage you to join me in lacing up your skates and checking out our community rinks. I can't think of anything more Albertan than skating outside! It is great to see how many dedicated residents volunteer their time to maintain the ice rinks for people to enjoy.

Our government is working hard to help the many Alberta families impacted by low global oil prices and who are facing challenging times. Through Alberta Works, Albertans can access a range of career and employment services, whether they are making career transitions or looking for employment. Alberta Works also helps Albertans with low incomes cover their basic costs of living. To learn more about programs and services that may be available to you, I encourage you to call the Alberta Supports Contact Centre (1-877-644-9992) and make an appointment.

Once again, please feel free to contact me by email at calgary.mackay.nosehill@assembly.ab.ca, by phone at 403-215-7710 or drop by the office at #106, 8220 Centre Street NE, beside First Calgary Credit Union.

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Deadline – 1st of each month for the next month's publication

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Celebrate Family Day at the Library!

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Country Hills | Crowfoot | Fish Creek | Saddletowne | Shawnessy | Signal Hill

February 20, Noon- 5:00 pm | No registration required.

#Read150

Canada 150—read 150 books in 2017! Pick up your free Great Reads 2017 reading guide from any community library in Calgary. It's chock full of incredible reading recommendations for every member of your family. Visit calgarylibrary.ca to find out how you can be entered to win great prizes just for reading!

Bill's Book Café with Evan Woolley

All Calgarians are welcome to join Bill's Book Café! Library CEO Bill Ptacek and City Councillor Evan Woolley host a lively discussion of The Sisters Brothers by Patrick deWitt.

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In January, the consultation phase of the Alberta Jobs Taskforce concluded. Over the course of the last several months my colleagues and I have heard directly from thousands of Albertans. They have shared their personal experiences as a result of unemployment and provided their suggestions for how to move forward. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback.

The Taskforce has prepared a report for the government to review as they consider their next budget and policy to respond to the crisis. You can read the report here: www.michellerempel.ca/alberta_jobs_report

I will keep you apprised of any response from the government on this matter. Parliament will debate many important issues this session and I encourage you to stay informed and contact me with your thoughts. Here are some ways you can stay connected:

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Greetings Residents,

Free family fun for the holiday weekend

Family Day weekend is a perfect time to slow down, re-connect with loved ones and create lasting memories together. Finding holiday activities everyone will enjoy can be a challenge, but this year it will be a walk in the park.

The City of Calgary will be hosting a free We Are Family event on Sunday, February 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. Bring the kids for a fun-filled afternoon of nature games, wildlife crafts, scavenger hunts and more. Enjoy a guided walk around the park or try out our spotting scopes to catch a glimpse of the sanctuary's high flyers.

Don't miss this exciting event perfect for the whole family.

For more information, visit calgary.ca/parksevents.

Sunny side up! New map shows the solar potential of your roof

Wondering about the potential amount of sunshine on your home's roof and how it compares to other homes? Check out the City of Calgary's <https://maps.calgary.ca/SolarPotential/> to find out!

The new map is intended to be a starting point for Calgarians who are curious about the viability of solar as an energy source for their particular home or building. Using data collected in 2012 and 2013, the map shows all buildings in Calgary's city limits and their varying degrees of solar exposure, on an annual basis, in generalized optimal conditions.

"The solar potential map can be the first step in determining if a solar energy system could work on your home," says Liz Findlay, manager of Geospatial Business Solutions, the group who created the map. "People considering a solar installation should contact a solar system professional to conduct a thorough assessment for their particular building and location."

The best place to look for solar professionals is the Canadian Solar Industries Association (CanSIA), which has an online member directory.

Solar energy isn't just for homes. Various City facilities already have solar systems installed to off-set some of their electricity needs and costs. You can find the particular locations on the solar potential map using the information icons on the map or scrolling through the project listings on the left side bar. To find your home on the map, simply type your home address in the search bar.

Visit maps.calgary.ca/SolarPotential/ to check out the City of Calgary's new Solar Potential Map.

Cheers,
Councillor Sean Chu, Ward 4.



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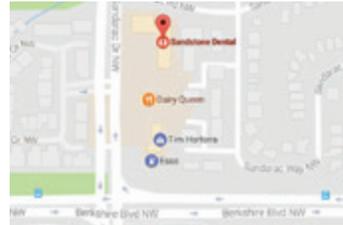
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