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#### **NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

#### Merry Christmas!

Typically, by this time in December we all know friends and family who have their house decorated, presents bought and wrapped and the baking safely hidden in the freezer. Then, there are the rest of us who are still in the "planning stage" and think we still have lots of time to get everything done.

As organized as you are (or not), please take time to support those who are not as fortunate as you may be. The level of unemployment in Calgary continues at an unprecedented rate and many families are dealing with the stress of not having enough money to pay the bills not to mention having any extra money for Christmas. A plate of Christmas baking to the neighbor or adding more food to your food bank contribution goes a long way.

Challenge your family to think of activities that don't cost money like skating at one of our rinks or tobogganing at one of the hills in the neighborhood. The board has had Christmas lights put up on the trees on the Island at the Sandstone Park as well as the hockey rink again to help get you in the Christmas spirit! The rink volunteers dedicate hours to maintaining the rinks and their greatest pay back is seeing them used.

The SMCA board was successful in securing a grant through the Enmax sponsored Energizing Spaces Fund. Our very old and costly rink flood lights will be replaced with the energy efficient LED lights that will save the Community Association hundreds of dollars a year to light up both the hockey and pleasure rink. A special thanks to former SMCA board member Wayne Watson for completing the application on behalf of the board.

Please continue to submit your photo entries so our SMCA newsletter continues with the personal touch! (Please ensure submissions are 300DPI and at least 1MB in size.) Our goal is to move away from stock photos as much as possible and personalize our newsletter. Trevor Bacon is our Newsletter Director and you can forward these to newsletter@sandstonemacewan.com.

Please contact us if you can offer a few hours a week to assist with flooding the hockey rink.

Please report any suspicious activity you see to either 311 or 911, your efforts could stop a crime in process! Our membership list continues to grow, and we thank those who have purchased their SMCA memberships! Please go to sandstonemacewan.com to purchase your membership online or email Carolyn Gomez at memberships@sandstonemacewan.com. Those who purchase a three-year membership (\$50.00) will receive a SMCA go mug and those with a one-year membership (\$20.00) will receive two SMCA beverage koozies. SMCA is now on Instagram, thanks to Trevor! Follow us at @sandstonemacewan. So far we have 26 followers! Thank you so much for connecting with our social media sites, we are over 800 likes on Facebook, 380 followers on Twitter and 200 for email distribution! On behalf of the SMCA board we wish you Happy New Year and hope to see you out at one of our events!

Sue Coatham President SMCA president@sandstonemacewan.com

### GAMES SUDOKU

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### Stay informed, Get involved!

Submit pictures, community articles and upcoming events to newsletter@ sandstonemacewan.com.

#### Front cover pictures must be at least 1MB in size. 300 DPI preferred.

Every month we will select one picture for the cover page of our SMCA Newsletter and also include several other pictures for inside the newsletter that showcase talents in our great community.

#### SANDSTONE MACEWAN Community Association Membership Application

**SMCA** 

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CONTEST

Address:			Postal Code:			
Phone:		Email:				
Number of Residents:		Children's Ages:				
Date:			Signature:			
May we put you on a list of volunteers?	Yes	No				
Membership Fees are:						
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Councillor, Ward 4 Sean Chu S 403-268-3727 ✓ ward04@calgary.ca S www.calgary.ca/ward4 S www.seanchu.ca

Hello, Ward 4 Residents,

Ward 4 has a population of 97,111 and number of electors is 70,843 in 2019. Visit Calgary.ca for more information on 2019 Census Results.

On Tuesday, December 31st at 11:59 p.m. City of Calgary will host a fireworks display at midnight from the Calgary Tower. Wherever you happen to be celebrating throughout Calgary, make sure you look up to see the spectacular show that will ring in 2020. https://www.calgary.ca/ CSPS/Recreation/Pages/Events/New-years-eve.aspx

On Tuesday, December 31st from 6 to 8pm, at Southland and Village Square Leisure Centres. You can play, swim, jump, splash and slide into 2020. Bring the whole family for tons of fun and games in the waterpark. There will be a DJ pumping out the tunes as families enjoy the wave pool, slides, hot tub and safari splash. Stay until the very end to enjoy our pool party countdown!

Sir Winston Churchill Aquatic and Fitness Centre will shut down from November 30, 2019 to the end of June 2020 for facility maintenance and upgrades. Customers can continue to use their Tier 1 or 2 pass at any other City of Calgary Aquatic & Recreation Fitness Centres, including:

- Foothills Aquatic Centre
- Shouldice Aquatic Centre
- Thornhill Aquatic & Recreation Centre
- Killarney Aquatic & Recreation Centre

Visit calgary.ca/recreation for more information.

The Calgary Traffic Count System or CalTRACS (trafficcounts.calgary.ca) is an online application that you can use to access The City's transportation data collected over the past 40 years. The City collects data throughout the year in different locations in Calgary. New data is added to CalTRACS regularly as transportation studies are completed.

Happy Holidays to everyone!

Thank you for your attention,

Councillor Sean Chu, Ward 4

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#### Sandstone/MacEwan Community Association Meetings

are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00PM at the Berkshire Citadel-Sandarac Drive, NW Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### No meetings July or August





TITST 2000 Clays Early Childhood Development Network North West Coalitions

#### A Citywide Strategy for All Children

Can **you** imagine a Calgary where all kids are supported to reach their fullest potential?

We know the early years have a huge impact on the rest of children's lives. We want to support children from the prenatal period up to age 8. Overall, our hope is simple. We want a **citywide strategy** that ensures children are valued, healthy and thriving. With a citywide strategy, Calgary's children will be able to say:

- I have a healthy body, mind, and spirit
- My family and community make me feel safe and stable
- · I am ready to succeed in school and other life settings

We've made our best first draft of what this citywide strategy could look like but know that a plan like this is strongest when it reflects the knowledge, needs, and experiences of the people it aims to support!

So... parents, caregivers, and adults that care about kids... we need YOU! Please take just a few minutes to fill out our survey and tell us about what you feel supports children's development in Calgary, what hinders or barriers it, and what you feel needs to change! You can fill out the survey at https://forms.gle/ zw6Zvf8do19dGE996 or have a digital copy sent to you directly by message research@2000days.ca

Thank you for your input into building a city where all children are valued, healthy and thriving!

Coalitions Collaborating for Impact (CCI) consists of parents, community members, organizations and professionals who are all working together to better the lives of young children and their families. We work hard to support five important developmental areas for children based on the Early Development Instrument. We are always looking for interested parties to join our coalitions.

If you are passionate about children and their future, and

would like more information about your closest early childhood coalition visit http://ecdcoalitions.org/ ecca-map/

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD CONFLICT?** Community Mediation Calgary Society (CMCS) is a no-cost mediation and conflict coaching service that can help you resolve problems and restore peace! We help neighbours be neighbours again! www.communitymediation.ca, 403-269-2707.

**STOCKING STUFFER - PUCKS FOR PAWS HOCKEY GAME:** Hitmen tickets on sale for \$15.00 for January 10th game in support of the Four Feet Companion Foundation; www.fourfeet.org. \$5 will be donated back to Four Feet with a minimum sale of 250 tickets. Hard copy tickets available. Call Kaitlyn at 587-215-3058 or visit https://bit.ly/2NNEgqc for details. Use promo code: FOURFEET.



## The Olde 'p' Letter

The letter b (called thorn) once represented 'th' in English. Part of why it fell out of use was due to the printing press—the letter b did not exist in German type fonts, and the letter that looked closest to it was a gothic-font Y. So, b was then printed as y.



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### News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Trees, plants and weeds on public land belong to the City, so it is illegal to prune or remove a tree. Stay on designated trails. Do not litter. Do not disturb or feed wildlife, including birds, in a park. The new City Parks & Pathway Bylaw prohibits: Extending a backyard into park land; Using park or green space for personal storage, such as parked vehicles; Mowing a natural area; Planting in—or removing vegetation from—a natural area.

If your home backs onto a park, green space, or natural area, you may incur a fine of \$500 to \$10,000, if you build beyond your legal property line. Just a few examples the City has found are a fence, driveway, retaining wall, shed or backyard fire pits, patios and children's play forts.

There have also been reports of animals being abandoned in the city. There is a sense that some who release their pets on Nose Hill believe that domestic animals will enjoy freedom. However, the fact is that pets do not fare well with predators and other wildlife in an urban environment. Instead of being kind, such releases are actually cruel. Uncontrolled breeding may well result in culls of feral animals, which is unfortunate and otherwise unnecessary.

Download the free City of Calgary Pets App (in development) to access more information. This is the official app of The City Animal & Bylaw Services. It connects you to the Animal Services Centre where lost pets running at large are now waiting to be reunited with their owners or adopted into new homes. The app has a map of Calgary's off-leash areas and where to find 24-hour emergency vet clinics, the Animal Services Centre, and the Calgary Humane Society.

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#### Kidney Health Awareness

A gracious request for a kidney donation, tips on kidney health, and items to fight kidney disease. Email info@needkidney.ca if you wish to donate.

Website NEEDKIDNEY.CA

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Hello, my constituents!

Happy December!

This month, the Alberta Legislature will continue Fall Session until we finish debating as many pieces of legislation as we can before going into break! It is a great privilege to be the voice of Calgary-Beddington and defend the interests of my constituency.

As we head into the full winter season, I would like to remind everyone to be mindful of our elderly citizens. On Nov. 6-12, I delivered a message to mark National Senior Safety Week. If you see a senior in need of assistance, please step up! I had a wonderful time visiting my seniors at the Manor Village in Huntington last month, and I look forward to visiting them before Christmas. Seniors are the strength of Alberta!

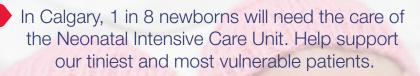
On November 1st, I joined my government colleagues to witness the end to the over decade-long wait for a North Calgary High School! Our residents have a government that listened, and delivered for our students. Thank you to all the advocates for your years of dedication and passion. Congratulations to the Northern Hills Community Association for your advocacy. The school, along with two dozen other approved school projects across the province, will address the incoming wave of young Albertans ready to learn!

As Minister of Seniors and Housing, I am also responsible for our veterans. Alberta is home to countless retired armed forces members, who bravely fought for the values we cherish every day as Canadians. On Remembrance Day, it was a great honour to recognize the sacrifices made by those service members who lost their lives, and the ones who today need our support. Alberta's veterans can access a wide variety of services and supports, including financial programs, employment and training services, housing, and crisis supports. For more information, visit: alberta.ca/veterans-servicecentre.aspx

Please reach out to my constituency office for anything we can assist you with. We look forward to continue hearing from you!

### **Cover Photo** Runner Up

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