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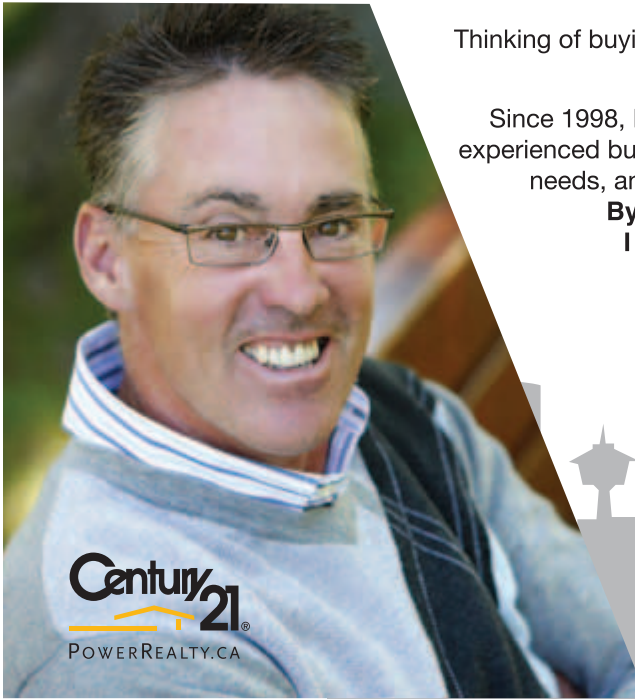
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Saying goodbye to summer gets harder every year. As my husband says, September is like hitting the auto pilot button, just press brew. Back on the hamster wheel, we go with the responsibilities of planning a day taken over by schools, sports and all things organized. My husband is a fan of unstructured time and after working for 40 years at the same job, he has earned the right to be cynical. Many of us, children included, look at September and embrace the new adventures we are embarking on meeting new friends, meeting new challenges and expanding the horizons of our world through the gaining of knowledge. Thankfully, we live in Alberta and the autumn months are beautiful. I hope everyone had a great summer and are looking forward to the new challenges brought to you this month.

Derek Livingston wrote last month's piece and did a fine job. Thanks, Derek. Reading it made me think about neighborhoods. What makes the one we live in so amazing? Avenue Magazine published a city of Calgary neighborhood survey back in July and pleased to say Thorncliffe ranked in the top twenty neighborhoods to live. We are a multicultural, mixed housing area with churches, grocery store, recreational facility, restaurants, schools, parks, have good access to transit and places to walk the dog. These things exist in almost every area of the city so what puts us over the top. Talking with Marvin Quashnik, our public service VP, I found out that this community's community engagement has put us ahead of other areas for quality of life. You, the residents of Thorncliffe Greenview, speak for this community and are willing to take action to ensure that this small town maintains its integrity. The willingness to get involved built this community and moving forward we should be proud of our roots and continue to be involved.

October is fast approaching and with it our AGM. This year we will be acknowledging contributions of some special members as well as selecting a new board. This is a good time to come to the community and find out how it works. The board is there to facilitate members and help them achieve their goals for the growth of the community. The last year we have worked with people who want to start a playground rebuild and another who would like to see a community garden on the property. These members have ideas about how to make this an even greater place to be for all residents. They do not have to be board members to get jobs done but they need to be able to communicate their ideas. As Derek pointed out in his article, just get involved, it will change your life for the better.

- Leslie DeGagne

Who Killed the Greenline? or The Strands of Dualities

Obviously, the title is provocative. City council indeed approved the "Greenline" in June and the Province soon after ponied up their 30% share (or at least the promise) of the \$4.65 Billion initially estimated to lay the line down. Where a kerfuffle erupted was in the announcement that this original sum considered would only produce half the track originally considered. Faux outrage erupted by the political haymaking machine complimented by more sincere feelings of betrayal from grassroots train advocates in places like Northern Hills. These so-called bookend communities have worked long and hard for better public transport and we recognize they have a right to be angry.

The reaction that we as the TGCA board felt on the news that phase one of the Greenline would only come as far as 16th Ave, was honestly one of relief.

In our June newsletter, we expressed feelings of ambivalence around the Greenline incursion through Thorncliffe. We had heard resident's feelings over the last few years ranging from giddy anticipation to that of foreboding dread. Our lack of reflexive boosterism for the Greenline was also due to many seemingly competing inconsistencies still unsatisfied. Obviously with a project so large and complex there will be winners and losers, and results positive negative, anticipated and unforeseen. The following will be an attempt to sort our mixed feelings from both from our myopic neighbourhood concerns and at a broader level.

Doing a Lot or Doing It Right or Suburban vs Urban

Having read the reports too, and watched presentations at the May and June city council sessions, we found the rationale for stage one to be exceptionally sound.

What has been perhaps the most frequent complaint about the original downtown LRT portion was that it "was not done right the first time" This sentiment was

expressed significantly regarding the current planning and city council and administration responded accordingly. Consequently, significant tunneling options were chosen and a very deep station was considered. That a high level of public support continued for these choices even as costs escalated, was observed to possibly be due to a generational shift of the city's population. We would argue the shift is less due to citizen demographics and more to a maturation of the city itself as its development lurches from that of suburban to one a more urban focus. A more intensive city core build serves the entire network acting as a foundation for farther reaching north and south tentacles when the time comes. It is we believe prudent at this time to do less distance but do it well.

Core, Inner and Outer Cities or Land Use vs Transportation

The core and outer cities have clear objectives and needs with respect to this new line. That buffer of near inner city between the two that Thorncliffe finds itself is more nuanced. Perhaps reflective of our positioning is being at the point of transition of the LRT design where Centre Street would narrow to a single lane. This is also the point where earlier planning studies on "Main Streets" ended. The object of that work is to ensure the best redevelopment of the corridor integrating community with transportation and facilitate commerce and amenity as part of it. That Thorncliffe has not yet had this focus on land use increased our concerns that to include it as part of stage one would increase our likelihood of becoming a sacrificial conduit to speed outlier commuters to the downtown core.

Currently our portion of Centre Street enjoys good, if at times, burdened bus service. In adding the Greenline we have the possibility of trading one LRT stop for the six bus stops we currently have within Thorncliffe. There is no guarantee for 100% ridership transference between bus and train. Ironically, we have to ensure our local public transportation is not negatively affected by better citywide LRT service.

These inner-city interlaced land uses and multi-stop public transportation needs has led many to speculate whether an LRT is the right fit for this section. Modes like a tram have discussed. Greenline proponents continue to ensure us that it can be a train for all reasons but we have yet to be convinced these disparities can be adequately reconciled. Thankfully, not being part of stage one gives the time for solutions.

North vs South or Ridership and Readiness

Early discussions on what now is called the "Greenline" had two separate lines (north and south) each screaming for priority attention. This dissipated when the city announced it would look at both as being together as one line. With the creation of stages, the schism between north and south are opening once more. It doesn't help that this is an election year. The argument for the north is that the ridership on the bus lines is already at the capacity for an LRT. The south would counter that they unlike the north have poor or no public transport at this time, ergo their need is greater. This who deserves what argument is not constructive. We would agree with the city (a very rare occurrence) that the prime rationale for inclusion in stage one is "readiness".

Where the north may have (albeit debatable in its transference) ridership readiness, it is lacking in property acquisition, design, and right-of-way readiness.

As a community association, it would be easy to cry that we deserve more right now. In this case we are satisfied to wait for something done well instead.

Marvin Quashnik
publicservice@tgccalgary.com

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RESUMES SEPTEMBER 8TH

Fridays 3:30 - 5:00 pm
 Sundays 11:45 am – 12:45 pm
 The cost for Public Skating is free to TG Community
 members, and for non-members the cost is \$5 per
 adult, \$3 per child or \$10 per family.
There is no Public Skating on Sept 17th & 24th.

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Craft Sale Registration Sept 13, 2017
TGCA Annual General Meeting October 30, 2017



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The Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association Is Currently Hiring

The Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association
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TGCA COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Stacey McDade		587-968-4990
Michelle Starzynski		403-401-5031

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Nose Creek Fast Pitch	Kelsey Claeys	president@nosecreeksoftball.ca
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Slopitch	Kevin Darrah	403-875-3469
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TGWL	Yvonne Arkley Yvonne Armstrong	403-274-4906 403-274-6720
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ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
 Fri 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
 Saturday & Sunday Closed

LOUNGE & REC CENTRE

Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 12:00 am
 Friday & Saturday, 9:00 am – 1:00 am
 Sunday, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

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9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

10 session (once a week) \$100 or 20 sessions (twice a week) \$200

(No class October 19th. Class moved to Main Hall October 16th)

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Hope to see you all there!

For more info contact 403-274-6840

SEPTEMBER 2017 THORNCLIFFE/GREENVIEW CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Bingo! 6:15 pm ³	Complex Closed – Labour Day ⁴	Bingo! 6:15 pm \$5000 Bonanza ⁵			Public Skating 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm ⁸	
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THORNCLIFFE GREENVIEW CRAFT FAIR



Thorncliffe Greenview Craft Fair

Friday November 17th & Saturday, November 18th
5600 Centre Street North

In-person only registration (no phone calls please).
Wednesday, September 13th 9:00 am – 11:00 am
\$30 per table with a limit of two tables per person
Homemade items only.

Craft Fair

Friday November 18th 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday November 19th 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

More than 170 tables, innovative and creative crafts, fabulous gift ideas. Craft sale operated by TGWL. Concession will be open.

Mark Your Calendars!

Craft Sale Registration – September 13th

TGCA General Meeting – September 25th

Notice of AGM

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General meeting of the members (the “Members”) of the Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association will be held at 5600 Centre Street North on Monday, October 30th, 2017 at 7:00 pm to:

- Receive and consider the Reports of the Directors
- Receive and consider the monthly Financial Statements
- Receive and consider the recommendations regarding membership fees for the upcoming year
- Receive and consider the recommendation regarding the rights and privileges of nonvoting members
- Transact any new business
- Elect a new Board of Directors, to consist of:
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Vice Presidents
 - Directors

Voting members are encouraged to attend the AGM and to fill out a nomination form (available in Administration Office) for positions on the Board that they would like to nominate someone for (a voting member in good standing).

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Guidelines

All new members must provide I.D. with current address. Members agree to abide by the bylaws, policies and procedures governing the Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association. Residence must be WITHIN BOUNDARIES of Thorncliffe, Greenview, West Thorncliffe to obtain a voting membership. Membership cards will be mailed. Children of Voting members, 7 yrs or older, will also receive their own cards. It is your responsibility to notify the office of any address changes. If you wish to retain your membership after moving out of community

boundaries, you must pay for it each year before expiry date. Failure to do so will result in the loss of your membership, no exceptions. Memberships will not be renewed if membership is not in good standing. Anyone over the age of 18 must hold their own membership.

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Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association
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Applicant Name: _____ Bus/Cell Phone #: _____
Spouse Name: _____ Bus/Cell Phone #: _____
Address: _____ Postal Code: _____
Verification I.D.: _____ Current Membership#: _____
ie: (Voting: driver's license, bill or Non-voting: resident community membership/expiry)

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Signature: _____

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250-500 people \$1200
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Damage Deposit \$1050
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Thorncliffe Room (maximum capacity 125)

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Damage Deposit \$450
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Greenview Room \$37.00/hour

Fitness/Sports Classes only

TG Room \$25/hour

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Meetings only \$37.00/hour
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We Accommodate Seminars!

Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association has four meeting rooms and two halls accommodating anywhere from 10 to 800 people!

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Call 403-274-6840 and let us make your next event an overwhelming success!





Thornview Seniors

You're invited to join the Thornview Seniors at the Thorncliffe Greenview Community Centre. We offer several activities such as:

Bridge, Military Whist, Bowling, Pool etc. Come out and meet some new people, try a new activity and become involved in the center. For more detailed information contact Sandy Staple at 403-274-3257.

We look forward to hearing from you!!



Adult Volleyball

Anyone interested in putting a volleyball team in our league at Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association this September (we start right after the long weekend so call in mid-August.) Please contact Dianne Stewart for information at 403-295-3469.

Good Food Box Program



What is the Good Food Box? It's a monthly program where community members can buy fresh fruit and vegetables for a very low cost. Thorncliffe Greenview Community Association now has a Good Food Box Depot. You receive top quality produce at wholesale prices. There are three sizes of boxes to choose from. The large box (\$35.00) contains 40 plus pounds of produce. The medium box (\$30.00) contains 30 plus pounds of produce. The small box (\$25.00) contains 20 plus pounds of produce. You only order the size you want, when you want. How do you get a food box? Bring your exact cash to the Horizon Room at Thorncliffe Greenview Community Centre between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. on the scheduled pick up day. This will secure your order for the next month or bring your exact cash to the Administration Office no later than the order deadline listed below.

Order Deadline	Pick up Day
September 18	September 28
October 16	October 26
November 13	November 23

Interested in Running our Good Food Box?

MJ's last Good Food Box date is June 29, 2017. If you are able to obligate one day plus a few additional hours per month and are interested in volunteering your time, please contact the office at 403-274-6840 or M.J. at 403-275-6752.

Announcement from the Thorncliffe Playground Replacement Committee

The Thorncliffe Playground Replacement Committee is excited to share with you the news that we have partnered up with Variety Club Children's Charity to complete our playground replacement project. More details will become available as the project progresses, but take a look at some of the equipment we may introduce into this completely accessible and inclusive destination playground! Our aim is for the project to be completed by September 2018.

Merry-Go-All

A Merry-Go-All is an inclusive version of a merry-go-round. Fully accessible, forward-facing spinning add fun and motion to a playground. A Merry-Go-All encourages children to engage in social, collaborative play, working together to turn themselves.



Rubber Surfacing

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Assisted Zip Line

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Quiet Tunnels

Quiet tunnels allow for desensitization time for kids or a place for kids to observe their surroundings.

Watch for articles in future editions of The Horizon to learn about why and how you can help. Please contact our team: tgcaplayground@gmail.com Visit: <http://tgcaplayground.weebly.com>



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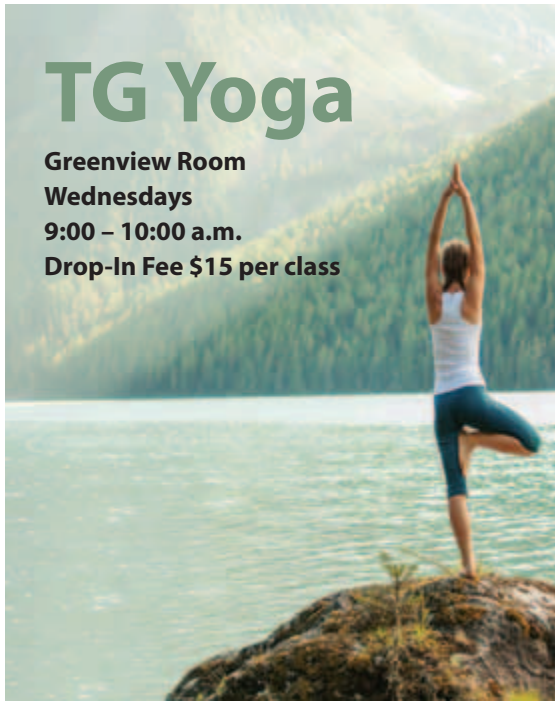
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Any TG Member that would like to submit a tidbit for this section may do so by email to admin@tgcacalgary.com or by phone to the office at 403-274-6840



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See you on the ice! ☺



News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Become an Entrance Keeper of Nose Hill, while you go about your ordinary routine. A member reported he just returned from a walk on Nose Hill and spotted some vandalism on the stainless-steel artwork on the North end of the Walkway over John Laurie Blvd. "It is a 'tag' in white paint presumably someone's initials or symbol. I reported this to the city but thought you might like to know."

There was a free guided botany walk on Nose Hill (2 hours) in June to identify summer flowers. Walks are popular, so watch for more events at our website www.fonhs.org and/or join us on Facebook. For example, our first Nose Hill Photo Contest is open to all. Guidelines and entry forms are on our website. Email contest entry forms and photo(s) to friendsofnosehill@gmail.com with the subject heading "Photo Contest" by September 30th. Only photos taken October 2016 – September 30th, 2017 are eligible. The judges will convene in October and winners announced at the annual general meeting in November.

There will be a second edition of the **Rare Vascular Plants of Alberta** (Alberta Native Plant Council). Vascular means that the plant can move water and minerals. The list has changed. Some species were removed and many added. If you would like to submit photos, images

for the book will be chosen from those submitted. For a list of plants and instructions go to: www.anpc.ab.ca and, if you have questions, email: ABRarePlantBook@gmail.com.

As previously reported, motion-activated cameras will be installed in 11 Calgary parks, including Nose Hill Park and one provincial park, to monitor wildlife. However, there may be privacy concerns. Any such cameras legally allowed in national parks are locked, so the memory cards cannot be tampered with and images of people are properly disposed of.

Parks Canada issued a restricted activity order, so only people with a research permit can set up remote cameras in national parks. As cameras become less expensive and more accessible to the general public, sometimes staff find unauthorized cameras and take them down.

Use of motion-activated trail cameras by the public for wildlife images is banned. Anyone caught deploying such cameras without a permit may be charged under the Canada National Parks Act. Wildlife officials say they want to prevent disturbance to wildlife at sensitive locations and protect the privacy of people whose images may be collected.

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justREEL Film Screening

When: Tuesday, September 12, 2017

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Time: 7:00PM

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Helping Your Children with Social and Emotional Skills for Kindergarten

Age 5 is a "big" age as these kids are starting Kindergarten and developing so many more skills!

Children are becoming more independent and are capable of learning the rules and behaviours for getting along with others. Adults can help build self confidence by providing clear and consistent instruction about what is expected of them. Encourage and support them as they take on more "grown up" responsibilities. Self confidence comes from caring and consistent relationships with parents, teachers and other adults that play an important role in their lives. Let the child know you love them and value his unique traits and abilities. Also having regular routines at home and school help children to anticipate and prepare for events.

At home, you can have a sharing circle. A sharing circle supports good communication and promotes respect and kindness at home. Sit in a circle and say one nice thing about the person next to you. Once you said something nice about that person, say something nice about yourself. You can do this activity once or twice a month.

Another way to build self confidence is to let a different person pick a movie or activity to do for a weekly family night. Children can make choices for the family that show their individual style.

The Calgary NW ECD Coalitions consist of three coalitions who have joined forces with 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 – Social Competence, Emotional Maturity, Language & Thinking Skills, Physical Health & Well-being, and Communication Skills & General Knowledge. 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 the Calgary NW ECD Coalitions, or if you have any questions, please email us at: nwecdcoalitions@gmail.com.



Bow Valley Ranch House est. 1896 – Fish Creek Park

The Bow Valley Ranch House and property serve as an excellent reminder of the wealth generated by Calgary's leading pioneer ranchers. The villa-like brick house was erected in 1896 by William Roper Hull, one of Calgary's most prominent citizens. It replaced an earlier log structure which has been built in the 1870s by homesteader John Glenn and which was the first permanent farm in the Bow Valley area. In 1902, Patrick Burns purchased the 4,000-acre ranch, by 1937 other family members operated the ranch and did so until the early 1970s. The house and 1,400 acres of the ranch now form part of the Fish Creek Provincial Park.

The house is a very good example of Queen Anne style. The symmetry of the facade around the central

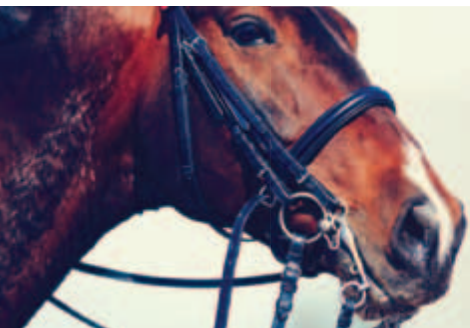
entranceway creates a strong sense of formality. The highly-articulated hipped roof, with half timbering in its many gables, helps to relieve any bulkiness of the massing. The protruding verandah on the main facade has been enclosed to create two sunrooms. Bay windows protrude on the east and west sides. Architects Rule, Wynn and Rule took great pains to match a 1957 addition with the main building. The interior of the 1896 structure features 11-foot ceilings and original plank floors. The ranch house exhibits very good detail and stylistic features, and is notable for the early use of brick.

The Foreman's House was restored and rehabilitated as "Annie's Cafe" in 1998. The main house was restored and rehabilitated to accommodate a restaurant in 1998-99, including an addition with a kitchen and office.

Heritage Significance

The site was originally settled in 1873 by John Glenn, a trapper and former gold prospector. Glenn was the first settler in the Calgary area. He built a log house and barns and lived here until 1879. The property was subsequently purchased by the government as an instructional farm for aboriginal peoples. In 1892, William Roper Hull, a successful rancher and businessman, purchased the property. When the original log ranch house burned down, he built the brick, two-storey house, now known as Bow Valley Ranch, at a cost of 12,000 dollars. The structure was finely detailed, with elegant furnishings chosen by Mrs. Hull. In 1902, Patrick Burns, a leading Calgary rancher and meat packer, purchased the property, complete with Mrs. Hull's furnishings. Few modifications were made to the house. Pat Burns was one of the major forces behind the growth of ranching in Alberta. This was an active ranch until 1973.

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Mongolian Pony Express

The Mongol Empire invented an efficient horse-back mailing system that they called the *Yam*. Six centuries later, the *Yam* system would emerge again to be implemented in America, where it was known as the Pony Express.



Financial Tips for Newlyweds

By Toddy Kam, CFP®, CFA

A marriage is a new financial start. When couples get together there are adjustments to be made, goals to be set, and financial adventures to take. Share information. Both partners should be fully aware of each other's financial situations, from spending to debt to investments. With full financial disclosure, you'll be better equipped to plan together. Review and establish goals. The sooner you set financial goals, the better your chances of reaching them.

Do you want to buy a new home or move up in the housing market? What about a retirement savings strategy? How much will those goals cost and how long will it take to reach them?

Budget. Create a budget that will allow you to save and invest enough to reach your goals. A good budget will help identify how much you earn and spend, and how to divert more income to savings. Decide how finances will be managed. Will one spouse be responsible for a larger percentage of bills and expenses, or will they be shared equally? Will you have joint savings and investments? Who will physically handle financial transactions? Pay down debt. If you owe money, particularly high-interest debt such as credit card balances, formulate a plan to pay it off. Consider ways to reduce bor-

rowing costs-for example, setting up a home equity line of credit if you own a house and quickly paying off any amounts you borrow.

Assess insurance needs. Life insurance is a necessity when you're married. The last thing you want is for your spouse or family to be left in dire financial straits if something happens to you. Consider disability and critical care insurance as well. Make or update wills. Both partners should have up-to-date wills. This means jointly discussing estate planning needs and goals. You should also have powers of attorney for financial and personal care, in case one of you is unable to manage your financial or personal affairs because of illness or injury.

Establish an emergency fund. Keep six to nine months' combined living expenses in an emergency fund. If you run into financial difficulty-perhaps one of you could fall ill or lose your job-an emergency fund can help you get through.

One final tip. It's a good idea to get help from financial experts. At this stage of life couples can benefit from professional advice, including the services of a financial advisor. With the right advice, you can ensure your financial life together gets started on the right note.

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Farewell to the Leaf & Pumpkin program

The City of Calgary will no longer be offering the community Leaf & Pumpkin drop off sites this fall. With the roll out of the Green Cart program, residents will now have a convenient option to compost their yard waste right at their door.

For residents that would like to remove their yard waste quicker, a Fall Yard Waste program will be available from September 29 to October 29, 2017. If you choose to, you can bring yard waste to a City landfill for free composting at that time. More details can be found at calgary.ca/yardwaste. Please do not bring yard waste to former Leaf & Pumpkin depot sites.

Thank you to Calgarians for helping to support the Leaf & Pumpkin program for over 20 years!

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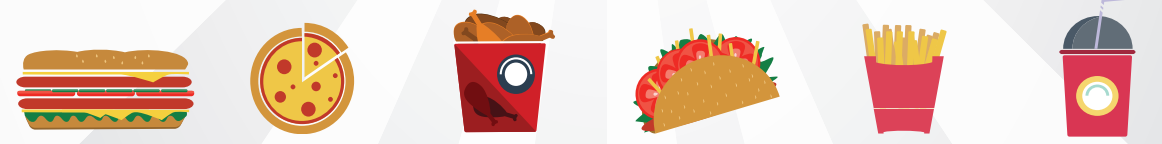
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City of Calgary adopts a River Access Strategy

With the growth in population and resulting increase in water sports and recreation, the unfettered access by humans and dogs to our rivers was and is having deleterious consequences on the fishery, riverbanks and water quality. Safety was also threatened as the Calgary Fire Department competed with the public to access emergency launch sites that were never intended for public use and are now gated. Communication has been scarce regarding appropriate access sites, regulations, health advisories (excessive E. Coli counts) and other safety concerns and, information for tourists difficult to find according to Parks.

Hopefully all this will change under a new River Access Strategy adopted by City Council. Upgrading of existing sites, development of new access points, signage, mapping and education were approved in February 2017 to promote safety, environmental protection and user experience. While the bulk of development and implementation is unfunded in the budget cycle ending 2018 the goal is to have 28 access points on the Bow River from West Baker Park, northwest of downtown, to Carsland by 2022.

On the lower Elbow River, 4 hand-launch sites have been approved: upstream of Sandy Beach proper, accessed via the parking lot; north Sandy Beach at the Riverdale Avenue parking lot; Stanley Park; and Stampede Park. Outside of the River Access Strategy it is worth noting that there are 3 off-leash, dog access points identified on the east side of the Elbow River, downstream of the footbridge, where the slope is gradual and access is graveled. Dogs must be leashed upstream of the footbridge and are not allowed water access at Sandy Beach.

The Glenmore Reservoir has 3 approved hand-launch sites.

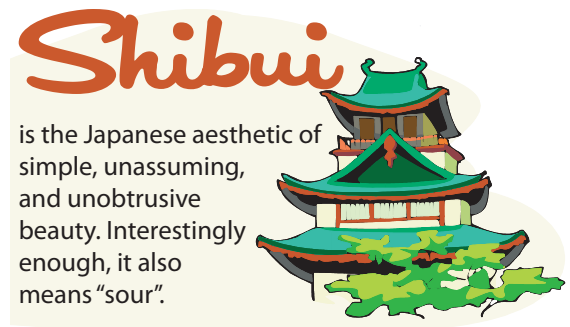
For a complete listing of existing and proposed new sites go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ycsw5s5h> or www.calgary.ca and type in "river access".

By the end of 2017 all existing sites should be mapped and signed and priority 1 sites upgraded or constructed. Between 2019 and 2022 we can look forward to the completion of priority 2 sites on the Bow and other initiatives including the development of a river APP, a river ambassador program and continuation of public art.

So, when accessing the river, consult the City's website for current information at: <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/River-Access.aspx>, keep your heads up for signs and access and egress the rivers only where indicated. The sites have been chosen for your safety and to minimize damage to sensitive riverbanks and fish nesting sites.

Happy recreating!

Formed in 2004, S2G+ Preservation Society collaborates to enhance the environment and natural history of the lower Elbow River, its valley and contiguous bench lands from the Glenmore Dam to Fort Calgary.



is the Japanese aesthetic of simple, unassuming, and unobtrusive beauty. Interestingly enough, it also means "sour".



Free Homework Help

If your kids are heading back to school this fall, we've got them covered. Free homework help, available through a variety of in-person and online programs, is available at the Library. Here's a sampling:

School Support is for students aged 10 to 14. Drop in with your English Language Arts or math assignments to get help from trained volunteers. Visit calgarylibrary.ca, click programs, and search 'School Support' to find out where and when the program is offered.

Students in Grade 2 to Grade 12 can access free online tutoring at calgarylibrary.ca/resource/brainfuse. Students in Grade 3 to 12 can prepare for tests and final exams, take lessons, and review coursework at calgarylibrary.ca/resource/solaro. Both resources are aligned with the Alberta curriculum.

2017 Author in Residence

Calgary Public Library's 2017 Author in Residence is Bruce Hunter, an award-winning writer and poet. Hunter will offer public programs, readings, and individual manuscript consultations, from September 11 to November 24. Whether you're a beginner or established writer, you can meet with Hunter at Central Library. Email air@calgarylibrary.ca starting August 28 to book an appointment.

Saddletowne Early Learning Centre

There's a new place to play in Calgary! Step inside the transformed space at the Saddletowne Library and discover the five stages of early learning. Play is a priority at the Library, because it's central to how kids learn and grow. The Saddletowne Early Learning Centre opens mid-September.

Looking for more places to play? Check out the Early Learning Centres at Fish Creek, Shawnessy, Quarry Park, and Village Square Libraries. Central Library hosts *The New Adventures of Engine 23* interactive fire-truck exhibit, and the Forest Lawn Library Nature Playground opened in August. Come play!

Back to school safety

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students about some road safety tips, as streets become more congested, with the return of the school year. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.

Motorists

- Avoid talking on cell phones, texting, or any other behavior that diverts your attention away from driving;
- Give right-of-way to pedestrians who have activated overhead crossing lights, or who are waiting to cross from a street corner;
- Remember, it is illegal to pass vehicles - other than those that are parked - in school zones or playground zones, during posted hours.

Around school buses

- Flashing amber lights mean a bus is slowing down to stop – motorists should do likewise;
- No matter which direction you are coming from, STOP, when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights – unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you;
- Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.

Pedestrians

- Cross only at marked crosswalks, or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions;
- Make eye contact with all drivers before crossing the street, and keep distractions to a minimum;
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause before stepping off the curb to ensure motorists in both directions have come to a complete stop;
- Stay within the crosswalk lines until fully clear of the roadway;
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the 'walk' sign and only when all cars have come to a complete stop;
- If you are with young children or pets, hold your child's hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when crossing;
- Remember: children learn by observing. By demonstrating safe crossing habits, you can reduce the chances of your child being involved in a preventable auto/pedestrian collision.



Back to School Health Checklist



It's that time of year again. Store shelves are stacked with back-to-school supplies and racks of summer clothes are being replaced with sweaters and long pants. Getting your child ready for the new school year includes stocking up on notebooks, binders and pencils, but there's more to making the most of the year ahead—taking care of your child's health. As the most important head-start you can give your child, beginning the year with good health is also simple with this back-to-school health check-list:

- **Immunization:** Ensure your child's immunizations are up-to-date for his or her age. This is especially important for kids entering kindergarten or elementary school. If your son or daughter is in Grade 5 and/or Grade 9, also watch for immunization consent forms coming home early in the school year. Remember: your signature on these forms is needed for your child to get his or her important grade 5 and/or grade 9 immunizations.
- **Vision screening:** Have your child's vision tested before he or she starts kindergarten (ideally by age three) and again every year, until 18 years of age. It's estimated that up to 80 per cent of learning is visual, so keeping your kid's eyes healthy goes a long way in encouraging their full learning potential. Eye exams for children up to 18 years of age are free of charge, covered by Alberta Health.
- **Hearing/speech screening:** If you suspect your child may have a hearing or speech problem, ask your family doctor for a referral to an audiologist and/or speech specialist. Left untreated, these problems could interfere with your child's learning.

- **Dental checkup:** Regular dental checkups start early! If your child hasn't had his or her teeth examined prior to starting school, now is a good time to start. Remember: good oral health is essential to good overall health. Regular checkups and cleanings help detect dental problems early, and ensure your child's teeth stay healthy for life.
- **Emergency contacts:** Make sure the school has up-to-date emergency numbers for each of your children, including contact information for parents, physicians, etc.
- **Health conditions:** Ensure the school has up-to-date information about any health conditions, allergies or physical impairments your child may have. Also inform the school about any medications your child takes.
- **Backpack basics:** Your child's backpack should fit properly and shouldn't be too heavy for him or her to carry, which means it should weigh no more than 10 to 15 per cent of your child's body weight. The backpack should have broad shoulder straps and a waist strap that keeps the bag firmly on the spine. Watch for warning signs that the bag may be too heavy, including sore shoulders or changes in posture. For more information visit: <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/health/pages/conditions.aspx?Hwid=abk0958>
- **Nutrition plan:** Ensure your child has a healthy breakfast before heading to school in the mornings, and help him or her pack a nutritious lunch. Planning meals ahead of time and involving children in planning and preparation can make this task more manageable and fun. For more information visit: <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/nutrition/if-nfs-whats-for-lunch.pdf>.

Fish Compensation project in Bowmont Park

Following the 2013 flood, The City undertook a number of projects to repair and reinforce riverbanks along the Bow River. These projects helped protect critical City infrastructure but in some cases, had compounding impacts on sensitive fish habitat along the river. In order to appropriately compensate for the loss of habitat, The City identified a number of sites that could supplement lost habitat at other locations. A project in Bowmont Park was one of the sites chosen.

The project is located adjacent to and partly within Bowmont Natural Area Park (Bowmont Park) on the north bank of the Bow River. Work will entail:

- Reopening historic side channels
- Re-establishing flow to the side channels, through excavation and re-contouring, to provide year-round connectivity from and to the main channel of the Bow River
- Constructing additional fish habitat structures using large trees and boulders
- Re-planting of all areas disturbed and the new channel banks with native plants and grasses;
- Providing additional bank and channel enhancement and protection to promote natural channel function while protecting infrastructure and the environment.

The City will also replace the existing (North) pedestrian bridge with a longer single span bridge. When the existing pedestrian bridge was constructed in the early 1990s, the channel width was reduced from 35 m to 15 m, which has severely limited flood water flow under the bridge. This has likely contributed to the significant amount of gravel and river cobble that has accumulated upstream of the pedestrian bridge. Widening the channel at this location will help achieve our goal of creating healthy fish habitat.

Work on this project will begin this fall and continue through the winter. For more information on this project and The City's fish compensation program, visit Calgary.ca/fishcompensation.

Don't give your money the silent treatment

By Suzanne Smith-Demers – Consultant

Finances can be tough to talk about, but keeping your money issues a secret can be bad for your personal and financial health. A 2014 study* asked people what their most difficult conversation would be and 44 per cent said personal finances.

Silence around money encourages people to remain uninformed about financial options and strategies and to hide resulting financial errors. If we seldom know what our loved ones think about money, misunderstandings can fester.

Despite plenty of good reasons to open up, people often find that money is a difficult topic to discuss as it can come with an emotional attachment. The technical details of financial planning can be complex, but it also requires people to think about aging and their own mortality.

As with other hard-to-discuss topics, it's often easier to stay quiet than to admit that you're deep in debt or have another money-related problem. But studies show that talking about money can reduce feelings of financial stress and help you make better money decisions**.

Of course, talking is easier said than done. When you're ready to open up, accept that the discussion will inevitably not just be about money, but also what it symbolizes. It helps to have a goal in mind about what you want the talk to accomplish, and to start conversations about money with professionals that you have no emotional connection with before sharing financial feelings with loved ones.

A great way to start your money conversation is by talking to your professional advisor. They can provide the financial knowledge and planning that will reduce stress and emotion making it easier to communicate your financial goals, dreams and concerns with others.

Sources:

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**<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/in-therapy/201606/talking-about-money>



Ask Charles

My elderly mother passed away at home. We are now selling her home; do we have to disclose that she died in the property?

Simply put, you are not required to disclose her death to potential buyers.

Sellers are required to disclose certain defects to potential buyers, but a death occurring in a home is not a defect.

When a death occurs in a home, the property may be considered a “stigmatized property.” A stigmatized property is one that has an unfavourable quality that *may* make it less attractive to some buyers. That quality, though, is unrelated to the physical condition or features of the property.

As a seller, you are not required to disclose stigma to potential buyers. Stigmas are different from material latent defects, such as un-remediated hidden flood damage or mould, which sellers *are* required to disclose.

Some stigmas include:

- a suicide or death occurred in the property
- the property was the scene of a major crime
- the address of the property has the wrong numerals
- reports that the property is haunted

Potential buyers’ different values, perceptions, and backgrounds will affect the significance of a potential “stigma”. Some buyers won’t care about a death occurring in the property, while others may be completely put off by it.

Although you are not required to disclose stigma to potential buyers, because some buyers may have concerns about stigmas, those buyers can ask their real estate representative to ask your representative about possible stigmas. You don’t have to answer their questions, but if you choose to, you must do so honestly.

If you decide not to answer, a buyer has to decide if they are comfortable proceeding without an answer. Remember that not answering may turn the buyer off of your property more than simply responding honestly; it will depend on the specific buyer, their particular concerns, background, and perceptions.

“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 askcharles@reca.ca.

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Blue-winged Teal – a Little Dabbler

Article by J.G. Turner, image courtesy of www.naturespicsonline.com

The Blue-winged Teal is a small, dabbling duck that is only about 16 inches (40 cm) long, with a wingspan of 23 inches (58 cm) and weighing in at only 13 ounces (370 g). The adult male has a rounded slate blue head with a crescent shaped band of feathers behind its black bill and in front of its black eyes. The male has a light brown body with a white patch near the rear and a black tail, and shows a blue patch with a white border on its fore wings, especially when in flight. The adult female is a mottled or scalloped grey-brown with a whitish patch at the base of the tail and bill, and a dark line through its black eye.

Fun Facts:

- A dabbling duck feeds on the surface on vegetation or water insects just ducking its head under water, or by tipping right up, pointing its tail end upwards while feeding on submerged vegetation
- The Blue-winged Teal’s formal name (*Anis discors*) comes from the Latin words for “a duck” (*Anis*) and *discors* or “disc about the mouth” which may refer to the face pattern of the male.
- This is the most common teal in Alberta’s grassland and parkland areas. Although it is found in the right habitat throughout the province, the Blue-winged Teal is most common in central and southern Alberta.
- This dabbler is most often found in the calmer waters of marshes, sloughs, ponds and the weedy edges of

small lakes. Nests are built in concealing grasses or vegetation on dry land, but near to water.

- This little duck hangs out in pairs or small groups spending most of their time foraging in shallow waters.
- In the late summer, the Blue-winged Teal undergoes a moult (during which they shed their old feathers and grow new ones), which prevents them from flying so they will spend this time in prairie sloughs or large marshes with good food supplies.
- These dabblers are the first ducks to go south in the fall and the last ones to arrive north for the breeding season in the spring. It is likely that they leave early and arrive back late because they are long distance migrators, some going as far as South America – a Blue-winged Teal banded in Alberta was found in Venezuela a month later!

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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Name	Age	Contact	Course
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THORNCLIFFE/GREENVIEW REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Last 12 Months THORNCLIFFE
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
July 2017	\$419,900	\$375,000
June 2017	\$447,400	\$439,500
May 2017	\$459,900	\$455,000
April 2017	\$459,900	\$451,500
March 2017	\$424,450	\$417,250
February 2017	\$439,900	\$433,000
January 2017	\$450,000	\$425,000
December 2016	\$469,900	\$465,000
November 2016	\$374,950	\$359,500
October 2016	\$419,900	\$400,000
September 2016	\$428,900	\$420,500
August 2016	\$394,900	\$403,750

Last 12 Months GREENVIEW
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
July 2017	\$425,000	\$417,000
June 2017	\$429,900	\$415,000
May 2017	\$0	\$0
April 2017	\$489,900	\$467,500
March 2017	\$0	\$0
February 2017	\$0	\$0
January 2017	\$0	\$0
December 2016	\$378,400	\$365,500
November 2016	\$0	\$0
October 2016	\$0	\$0
September 2016	\$0	\$0
August 2016	\$319,950	\$304,000

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit thorncliffe.great-news.ca or greenview.great-news.ca

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HALLOWEENKENDS – CALAWAY PARK SEPT. 9 – OCT. 9

Enjoy Calaway in full spooky splendour with the Boo Crew, and don't miss: face painting, Thriller dance lessons, scavenger hunts, special guests, family photos and more! There will even be a costume contest on Sept. 16. More info: calawaypark.com.



ZACHARY LUCKY – GALLERY HOUSE CONCERT SOCIETY, OCT. 2

Check out this unapologetically old-school country performer. Armed with his husky, baritone voice, he has received comparisons to Gordon Lightfoot and Kris Kristofferson. He sings of Canadian places and people, and puts on a sultry and intimate performance. More info: galleryhouseconcerts.com.



CANADA SOCCER'S TOYOTA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP U-15 CUP - CALGARY SOCCER CENTRE, OCT. 5 - 9

These championships are the definite amateur soccer event of the year, crowning the country's best community soccer clubs. Over 3,000 participants and spectators from across Canada are estimated to be part of the 2017 U-15 Cup in Calgary this year. More info: canadasoccer.com.



YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

Autumn Pumpkin Festival – Calgary Corn Maze & Fun Farm, Weekends in October

Celebrate Autumn each weekend in October at the corn maze, the fun farm and the petting zoo. Endless activities to keep the wee ones occupied and then pick a pumpkin to take home on your way home. Not all activities included in admission price. More info: calgarycornmaze.com.

The Great Grilled Cheese Cook-off – Jerome's Appliance Gallery, Oct. 1

Amateur and professional chefs will prepare their very own gourmet grilled cheese recipes in support of Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids. Your mission is to taste 10 samples and then judge them along with a distinguished panel of judges, with a hand-crafted soda to wash it all down.

Piaf! The Show – Arts Commons, Oct. 4

A powerful and moving celebration of the life and music of the legendary French chanteuse, Edith Piaf. Starring Anne Carrere who has been hailed as "Edith Piaf's legitimate musical heiress," Piaf! The Show has received rave reviews around the globe. More info: artscommons.ca.

Wordfest – various venues, Oct. 10 – 15

Wordfest is a not-for-profit organization that hosts year-round literary events featuring the world's best writers at around 70 events in our city. More info: wordfest.com.

Reconciliation Journey: Walking a Path Together – Carriage House Inn, Oct. 12

This is the second conference planned this year by the Indigenous Advisory Committee through the Enough For All Catalyst Fund. Expect discussions of the organization's work on Reconciliation as they relate to the 94 Calls to Action, as well as special guests, keynote speakers and panel discussions about the exciting work happening across Calgary. More info: vibrantcalgary.com.

Ghoul's Night Out – Heritage Park, Oct. 26 – 27

Heritage Park will be transformed into a spooky extravaganza for families with children three to nine. Ghostly encounters, crafts, treats, festive festooning and so much more! Look for more info to come: heritagepark.ca.



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Hello Calgary-Klein,

Your help is needed in improving Alberta's consumer protections!

The Government of Alberta is seeking feedback on ways the government can improve Alberta's consumer protection legislation. Feedback is required on several topics, including contract-related issues like warranties and cancellation rights, as well as shopping-related concerns like transparency in pricing and reward points. The government is also seeking input on topics like household moving services, debt collection, ticket sales and auto repairs.

Do you have stories regarding your experiences with these issues and their related products or services? If you have suggestions for how we can make life more affordable for Albertans by ensuring a fair marketplace that's fair for buyers and sellers, please provide your feedback to this important initiative.

You can participate in several ways:

- Complete an online survey, which will run until September 15th.

The survey can be accessed at <https://extranet.gov.ab.ca/opinio6//s?s=36636> or by visiting <http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca>.

- Attend the Open House session, with available dates posted at <http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca>.
- Follow the #ABCConsumerProtection hashtag on Twitter for other engagement opportunities.

As part of the efforts to strengthen consumer protection and ensure a level playing field for Alberta businesses, the government has already taken the following steps:

- Payday lending: Put an end to 600 per cent predatory interest rates on payday loans to prevent Albertans from spiralling into poverty. Alberta now has the country's strongest protections and lowest interest rates for borrowers.
- Door-to-door sales: Put an end to misleading, aggressive sales tactics by banning door-to-door sales of energy products and services. The ban includes furnaces, hot water tanks, air conditioners, windows, energy

audits, and electricity and natural gas contracts.

- Electricity price cap: Introduced a price cap to make life more affordable and ensure electricity bills are fair.
- New home buyer protection: Introduced a builder licensing framework to protect consumers as well as the reputation of good builders.

Your participation will help Albertans increase trust and build confidence between businesses and consumers.

Thank you to all who came out to my "Cool Down with Coolahan" Pool Party last August! It was a pleasure meeting so many of you and enjoying the last days of summer together.

As always, our office is happy to hear from you, and may be reached at calgary.klein@assembly.ab.ca or 403-216-5430. I'll be available for the next Coffee with Craig at the Velvet Café (502 25 Ave NW) on Oct 14th from 10am-12pm.





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I have had the opportunity to connect with many members of our community over the last few weeks and I have heard about issues that are important to you. I remain focused on advocating for policy that creates jobs and helps the individuals in our community that need it most. I will continue to work hard on your behalf when the fall session of Parliament begins later this month.

I also wanted to take the opportunity to update you on my efforts as the Critic for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship. I have been closely following recent reports regarding the draft copy of the Liberal's new citizenship guide. Citizenship guides tell the story of Canada to people who want to help our country grow and prosper. I am particularly concerned that the draft copy tells newcomers that it is only "voluntary" to respect human rights in Canada. Human rights are enshrined in our laws and are something we should expect from every Canadian. This should be made clear in our citizenship guide. It was also very concerning to hear that the draft copy has removed mention of female genital mutilation (FGM) from the guide. Given the troubling reports in the media of Canadians impacted by FGM practices, I have called on the government to acknowledge the growing trend of FGM and inform Canadians of the steps they will take to protect victims from this practice.

I continue to work with the Yazidi community in Canada to push the government to act when intervention is necessary. On August 3rd, Yazidi communities in Canada commemorated the genocide of the Yazidi people in Northern Iraq. I hope that on this day, Canadians across the country took a moment to reflect on the atrocities committed and what more we can do to help. As you may know, I have been working with the Yazidi community since appointed to my Critic position, to help bring to light the plight of their people and ensure that Yazidi refugees could come to Canada after surviving genocide at the hands of ISIS. I look forward to continuing my work with the Yazidi community and pushing the government to act when persecuted groups are in need of our help.

As always please do not hesitate to contact me about any issue.



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Dear Ward 4 Residents,

Make a difference, one straw at a time

Did you know? Plastic straws and cutlery **can't** be recycled in the blue cart. These small plastic items are too small to be sorted at the recycling facility and end up contaminating the proper recyclables instead.

Here are a few tips to follow:

- Refuse. Unless you actually need a plastic straw or cutlery don't take one.
- Reuse. Wash and reuse plastic straws and cutlery a few times before disposing in the garbage.
- Keep reusable cutlery on hand so you'll always have something to use.
- If you're not sure what to do with an item, find the answer on the online search tool at calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere.

New for 2017

New ward boundaries will be going into effect during the 2017 Election. Checking your ward will ensure that you know which candidates are running in your area. Candidate profiles will be available online after 12 noon on September 19, 2017. Visit www.electionscalgary.ca to check your ward and see candidate profiles.

Voting is an important responsibility for every Canadian. It is how we shape our communities and choose which leaders will represent us. Voting connects citizens with the political process and with each other. When you take part in an election and express your view, you make democracy work. For more information on the 2017 Municipal Election visit www.electionscalgary.ca or call the Elections & Census Office at (403) 476-4100 (option 2).

2017 Municipal Election: Vote for your Mayor, Councillor, and School Board Trustee

This Fall Calgarians will vote for their Mayor, Councillors, and School Board Trustees in the 2017 Municipal Election. Voters can choose to cast their ballot during the Advance Vote from October 4 – 11, excluding October 9 (Thanksgiving) or on Election Day, October 16. There are many ways to vote, so be sure to check the website

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