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Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Tuscany
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
November 2016	\$499,000.00	\$495,000.00
October 2016	\$474,900.00	\$465,000.00
September 2016	\$509,900.00	\$511,500.00
August 2016	\$488,900.00	\$475,000.00
July 2016	\$474,343.00	\$456,750.00
June 2016	\$539,900.00	\$521,500.00
May 2016	\$534,900.00	\$512,500.00
April 2016	\$491,400.00	\$479,800.00
March 2016	\$499,900.00	\$494,000.00
February 2016	\$512,888.00	\$500,000.00
January 2016	\$499,900.00	\$481,750.00
December 2015	\$550,000.00	\$527,500.00

Last 12 Months Tuscany
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
November 2016	22	23
October 2016	30	33
September 2016	43	35
August 2016	25	25
July 2016	31	30
June 2016	36	37
May 2016	38	32--
April 2016	43	30
March 2016	38	30
February 2016	31	17
January 2016	31	8
December 2015	14	11

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Winter Driving Fuel-Efficiency Tips

With its cold winds, long nights, and merciless snows, winter can be an ordeal for both you and your car. But beyond all the extra windshield washer fluid and maintenance your ride will need, your fuel budget will likely see the biggest bump — gas use can spike by over 25 percent, adding more to an already-too-large chunk of your budget.

This is because the cold winter air puts more aerodynamic drag on your vehicle and your engine has to work harder to plow through all that snow and slush. But you can fight back with a few surprisingly simple tricks:

1. Chill out and go easy. Aggressive driving uses much more gas than you'd expect. Speeding up and slowing down suddenly makes your engine work harder than it should, so take it smooth and steady behind the wheel to see some savings.
2. Plan ahead. Beyond driving more gently in general, you can cut down on gas use with some simple planning. By keeping a careful eye on traffic ahead and keeping your speed down, you can save yourself the painful start-stopping that drives up your gas use, and still arrive on time. Working to curb those bad habits can save you time at the pump and aggravation on the road. And whenever possible, plan your route ahead of time using radio traffic alerts or a smartphone app that

helps you avoid any gas-guzzling jams.

3. Don't idle to start up. Are you using a remote starter or starting your engine then running back inside to let your vehicle warm up? Don't fall for the driveway-idle trap — not only does it suck up gas and increase emissions, idling for more than 30 seconds doesn't give any extra benefit. All you need to do to warm up your car is to drive it gently for a few minutes. You'll be warmed up and on your way in no time.
4. Keep an eye on your tires. Tire pressure changes with air temperature, so check your tires at least once a month to make sure they're inflated correctly. Driving on tires that are under-inflated by as little as 8 psi can cut their life by more than 10,000 km and drive up your gas use to boot.
5. Use a block heater. Block heaters warm up your car's engine before you start and can cut down on gas use dramatically by eliminating the need for you to warm up the engine at all. Use a timer on the block heater for added convenience; just set it to turn on about 2 hours before you need to drive, and you're off to the races with a pre-warmed engine, gas in your tank, and money in your pocket.

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YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

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October 6 - January 8 ATB Storytellers Exhibition at National Music Centre: Discover Alberta's rich music history at the new ATB Storytellers Exhibition. Explore the untold history of some of Alberta's music pioneers and icons through artifacts, film and interactives. Free and accessible to the public inside Studio Bell's Drop-In Zone. The exhibit will feature a collection of artifacts and recorded oral histories with iconic Albertans. More info www.nmc.ca

January 5 - February 2 High Performance Rodeo multiple venues: Offering all types of theatre over the course of almost a month, the High Performance Rodeo can feel as exciting as its namesake if you are trying to fit all the great performances in from this annually jam-packed schedule. To keep up-to-the-minute informed check the Facebook page www.facebook.com/HPRodeo or more info and tickets www.hprodeo.ca

January 29 Bridal Fantasy at the Telus Convention Centre Brides can expect to see a dramatic fashion show and theatrical production featuring the latest trends in flowers, tuxedos, gowns, destination wear, hair and make-up. Brides have the opportunity to win over \$75,000 in prizes and the chance to win the Fantasy Wedding Package - Including prizes from all of the sponsors. More info www.bridalfantasy.com

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Crowchild Trail Study
Mark your calendar for upcoming events!

Thanks Calgary for helping us review the draft recommendations for the study area. We used your input to refine and finalize the draft recommendations.

We invite you to join us at one of the open houses in November and December to view the final recommendations and provide your feedback on the engagement process. We'll be asking for your feedback on the engagement process. These events are part of **Phase 6: Reporting and Completion** of the study process.

Open House #1: Tuesday, November 29, 2016
(No RSVP required)
Time: 5 to 8 p.m.

Location: Red and White Club, McMahon Stadium - 1833 Crowchild Tr. N.W.

Open House #2: Saturday, December 3, 2016
(No RSVP required)
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Sunalta School, Main Gym - 536 Sonora Ave. S.W.

We anticipate presenting the final recommendations to Council in early 2017.

If you're unable to attend one of the open houses, there will be an opportunity to provide your input online. For a complete list of engagement opportunities, go to calgary.ca/crowchild

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December is always a time filled with a lot of festivity at the shelter and we hope you are enjoying your own holiday traditions at home. As always, we are starting out the season with our Christmas Party for the Animals, a free family event, on December 3, 2016. All December long we will also be collecting treats and toys for the shelter pets to enjoy on Christmas morning, as part of our "Stuff a Pooch Pad" campaign. At Calgary Humane Society we believe that every pet should have a special festive season, so with that in mind we are bringing you our top suggestions on how to make the holidays fun and safe for you and your pet!

1. Distract Fido with special treats! Having family and friends join you for a meal is a fantastic holiday tradition, and with a little creativity your pet can also join the dinner fun. Freezing hard rubber "Kong" toys stuffed with soft food is not only a delicious indulgence, it can also distract Fido while you enjoy dinner in peace!

2. Choose "Fluffy friendly" wrapping and decorations! Many pets, especially cats, love to investigate holiday décor. Put plastic or metal decorations towards the bottom of the tree and consider skipping ribbons and tinsel as these could be dangerous if swallowed. If you have a wrapping paper scraps left over you can create a fun diversion for your feline friend by hiding a treat or two inside a crumpled paper ball.

3. Secure the tree! If you have pets (or small children) visiting your house over the holiday season you can safeguard your 'silent night' by securing your tree to the wall. A strategically placed pet exercise pen can also

provide protection for your tree and presents.

4. Holiday baking? Yes please! Looking for a great way to amuse younger houseguests AND include your pet on

the fun? Bake and decorate delicious dog cookies with pet-friendly ingredients like cheese powder, yogurt 'icing', flax seed and carob chips. Need a recipe? Email humane.education@calgaryhumane.ca and we'll be happy to share our favorites!

5. Put Santa's cookies on the mantle, not the floor! To keep your pet from getting a lump of coal (or a pricey vet visit) for Christmas, store Santa's cookies and other holiday goodies up and away from curious noses. Better yet? Keep a bowl of approved treats on hand for houseguests that want to share the holiday cheer.

6. Spend some quality time together! Holidays are a busy time, but they are also a great chance to spend some quality time with your pet. Bundle up Fido and head out to check out the holiday light displays or curl up on the couch with Fluffy to enjoy your favourite festive film.

7. Give your pet a space of their own. When house-guests come calling some pets may prefer to sneak off for some relaxation. Providing a 'safe haven' in your house is as easy as placing a comfy bed and some of your pet's favorite items in a room that company will not be spending time in.

8. Spread some holiday cheer! Drop by the shelter to find the 'purr-fect' gift at our Pet Gear Store or drop off a pet toy for our "Stuff a Pooch Pad campaign". We're all decked out for the holidays and we would love to hear from you!

From all of us at Calgary Humane Society, have a safe and happy holiday season!

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WILDLIFE

Snow White: The Snowy Owl

Article by Cheryl Bowman
Photo by Andrea S. H. Hunt

The Snowy owl, a majestic bird, is the largest owl in North America by weight. The Snowy owl is 52–71 cm long, with a 125–150 cm wingspan. The adult male is completely white while females and young birds have some dark spots. Snowy owls migrate to Alberta during the winter months, after spending the spring and summer in Alaska. The Snowy owl is the provincial bird of Québec.

Fun Facts:

- The Snowy owl is an exceptional hunter:
- The Snowy owl can fly silently due to the fact that its flight feathers are tipped with soft down, allowing this predator to swoop down silently on its prey.
- The Snowy owl has exceptional hearing and sight, allowing it to capture its favourite prey, lemmings, as lemmings are unable to hide under the snow to avoid capture.

- Snowy owls are crepuscular, which mean they hunt and are active both day and night, whereas other owls are nocturnal and hunt at night.

- Snowy owls form a monogamous pair and vigorously defend their territory, even against large carnivores such as wolves.

On average, the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society (CWRS) receives 4-6 Snowy owls per year. These birds have a well-known migration pattern in Alberta and because of this, treatment must be administered quickly to avoid the Snowy owl being 'over summered' (whereas the risk to other migratory birds is being 'over wintered'). Releasing the Snowy owl in time for their regular migration allows this majestic bird a greater chance of survival.

Should you discover an injured Snowy owl, please visit our website at www.calgarywildlife.org for more information or contact the CWRS at 403-239-2488 for assistance.



Xmas Volunteers



Canada Post volunteers donate over 200,000 hours of their time each year to help Santa respond to every letter that arrives on his doorstep.



How to Create the Ultimate 'Mingling' Experience

Hosting a get-together can sometimes be a challenge when you've invited friends from different groups and a few coworkers. One of the biggest stresses of inviting different groups of people is planning for everyone to interact and deciding how to keep them entertained.

Set up different food stations. Instead of putting down platters of food on one table, mix it up with themed stations. Not only does this show thoughtful planning, but it becomes a great conversation piece for your guests. Whether your guests compliment your arrangement skills or discuss your creativity in including a "seacuterie" board, you can take comfort knowing you've given them some food for thought.

Have your guests highlight their uniqueness. While everyone is enjoying their first cocktail, circle around and have everyone mention something unique about themselves. This is a great way for people to share stories and some good laughs. This icebreaker will keep the conversation going until the late hours of the night.

Make some unexpected twists on classic snacks. We all love our classic appetizers like cheese and crackers or chips and dip. But why not surprise guests with an unexpected take on something you know they already love?

Don't have too many seats. Having a seat for each guest can take up too much room and can also make people inclined to stay in one spot. Minimizing the seating forces your guests to mingle, encouraging them to circulate the room and integrate into different groups.

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HANUKKAH

In 2016, Hanukkah from in the evening of Saturday, December 24th until the evening of Sunday, January 1st. During Hanukkah, on each of the eight nights, a candle is lit in a special menorah (candelabra) called a 'hanukkiyah'.

Trivia



3 ways to stay on budget this holiday season

'Tis the season for lavishing your loved ones with good tidings and gifts — tidings may be free but gifts come at a cost. Keeping a cap on holiday bills may be easier than you think. Follow these simple tips to help you stay on track with your holiday budget:

1. Get on the nice list. Sign up for retailer emails. Many of your favourite brands share deals and discounts via email, especially during the holiday season. Sign up to get the inside scoop on promotions and first dibs on discounts.
2. Budget your spending and bag a deal. Many retailers offer online exclusive products and sales. Shop online during your lunch break or even from your mobile phone on your commute home to snap up holiday sales as they happen. Have a clear budget and keep it handy for quick reference to make sure you don't blow it on an impulse buy.
3. Look for free shipping. Many of your go-to holiday shopping destinations offer free shipping within Canada when you make purchases over a certain amount. If you plan on sending gifts to loved ones in a different city, take advantage of free shipping to save yourself time and money.
4. Don't pay for return shipping. The turkey has been carved and the gifts unwrapped. Once the tissue paper has settled, there is time for you and your loved ones to reflect on your holiday gifts. If you purchased a sweater for your dad and it doesn't fit or the game you bought for your nephew wasn't exactly what he wanted, send the gift back. PayPal's newly launched Return Shipping on Us service will foot the bill for return shipping costs

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Don't let the holidays take control of your wallet. Become a bargain hunter, shop at your convenience, and hit the shops ahead of the crowds to take advantage of deals this season.

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Xmas mince pies

Mince pies - a traditional holiday meal from the UK - were originally filled with meat, such as lamb, rather than a dried fruit mix as they are today. They were also first made in an oval shape to represent the manger that baby Jesus slept in, with the top representing his swaddling clothes.



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Christmas holds a special place in my heart. I cherish the time I get to spend with my family, friends and the community residents in Ward 1. I look forward to my family's annual tradition of the first ice-skate at Bowness Park. This year, we look forward to ending our skate with a visit to the new restaurant on site, Seasons of the Park. If you get the chance, have a bite to eat at the restaurant and take in the amazing view of the frozen lagoon.

I hope to see you at one of the many holiday events in Ward 1. You'll find me at the Silver Springs Christmas Market, Bowness Seniors Centre's Christmas Tea and Bazaar, Tuscany Craft and Bake Sale, Scenic Acres Community Association Craft Sale, Silver Springs Breakfast with Santa, Bowness Lions Annual Craft Sale, and Crestmont's Christmas Market. If you see me, come over and say hi - I'd love to hear what's on your mind.

I know this holiday will be a tough one for many families. With Calgary's current economic situation and high unemployment rates, many people are finding themselves in dire times. There are many wonderful charities working hard to alleviate the stress for Calgarians, but The City of Calgary also needs your help.

If you can spare a morning or afternoon, consider volunteering at the Salvation Army Christmas Program, sorting and tagging toys. For more information, email Lisa at: ChristmasToys@SalvationArmyCalgary.org. If you want to volunteer or donate to the Calgary Food Bank, call (403) 253-2059. Most major grocery stores in Calgary have donation bins, so you can donate while you shop. To view the most needed non-perishable items, visit www.CalgaryFoodBank.com

Thank you for all your support. Together, we will get through these difficult times and be stronger for it. Merry Christmas, have a safe holiday and a Happy New Year!

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Does Your Puppy Have A Good Bite?

Throughout my veterinary career there have been months when one problem appears again and again in my patients. Recently, I have seen one case after another of puppies with malocclusions or teeth coming in incorrectly causing developmental problems. Also, many of these cases have been in dog breeds such as Labrador retrievers and beagles that typically have normal bites. A normal bite is when the bottom and upper teeth of the carnivore interlock properly and the mouth can be opened and closed without the teeth striking each other or being stuck in the soft tissue of the mouth. There are many types of veterinary pediatric dental issues these are just two of the most common.

Every puppy and kitten should have the mouth looked at as part of its routine examination during vaccinations and other procedures. Problems are much more frequently seen in puppies. Facial changes are less exaggerated in cats; therefore, problems are infrequent. A carnivore's teeth interlock from the big canines or fangs back through the premolars and molars. This is to allow them to bring down prey and tear into bone and muscle. Like us, carnivores have baby teeth or deciduous teeth that fall out and are replaced by permanent teeth. This ends in our pets by about six months of age. When we look at the dental arch we want to see the bones of the upper and lower jaws growing in unison as the pet grows and the face and jaw elongate without impediment by teeth locked in tissue or hitting each other.

The most common problem in dogs is the big canines, the fangs, sometimes are directed too far inward towards the

middle and the canines from the bottom grow into soft tissue of the mouth at the top and this stops the lower jaw from growing properly. This occurs in domestic dogs because we have bred them to exaggerate certain traits, to get the appearance we seek in a particular breed, or sometimes it's just bad luck. When this happens, we recommend immediate removal of the baby teeth so the puppy's lower jaw can grow properly. Sometimes in mild cases we might ask to repeatedly see the young puppy so we can monitor whether interference is necessary. I love to speculate what a human orthodontist might do when faced with children with big fangs that will mature in six months.

Sometimes the puppy's baby teeth looked perfect but the adult teeth start to emerge in an abnormal position, usually inside the baby teeth, again necessitating early removal of baby teeth to open the normal pathway for the permanent teeth in the growing puppy. In the most extreme cases we are unable to correct the bite or the window of opportunity was missed and, yes, veterinarians refer dogs for root canals and crowns to specialists.

We see puppies with missing teeth, malformed teeth, teeth with extra crowns, teeth coming in at wrong angles, and extra teeth. Decisions are made based on whether we need to take advantage of the growing the pet will still do and the long-term risks to the pet going forward. Veterinary dentistry has come a long way in the thirty years I have been a veterinarian. We use equipment comparable to that used by your own dentist and take radiographs or x-rays to guide our decisions. We have specialists to refer to if the equipment and skills required are beyond those of us in regular practice. Just like with our own health and that of our children, your pet's health is intertwined with their dental health in the long haul. Make sure your puppy and kitten has its mouth checked in its early check-ups.

Jennifer L. Scott, B.Sc., D.V.M.

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TOTAL	342	
Average Days on Market	37 Days	

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