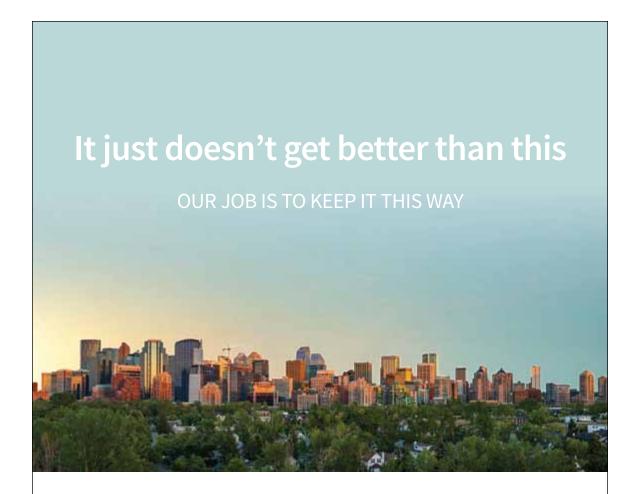
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Edgemont Ravine - Edgebrook Dr. & Edgebrook Blvd. NW

35.5 hectares of networking ravines in the northwest section of the city are completely surrounded by the community of Edgemont. The naturalized marsh was one of the first to be constructed as part of the water management scheme in a community development. The community and park were established in the late 1970s. Access to the ravines is available through the parking lot on the east side of E dgebrook Blvd. NW.

Ranchlands Park - 700 Ranchlands Blvd. NW.

Ranchlands Park occupies about 12 hectares in the community of Ranchlands in the northwest part of the city. The park was established when the community was developed in the 1970s.

Nose Hill Park – 5620 14 St. NW

Area: 1129 hectares

Nose Hill Natural Environment Park lies in the northwest part of the city, surrounded by 12 residential communities. The park was created in 1980 and covers over 11 square kilometres. The hill most likely gets its name from the fact that, from certain locations and with a little imagination, it looks like a nose.

Bowness Park - 8900 48 Ave. N.W.

Area: 30 Hectares

Bowness Park is located in the North West part of the city and is open to the public from 5am - 11pm daily. It offers pathways and access to the Bow River, as well as seasonal activities such as paddle boating and ice skating.

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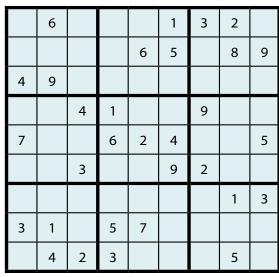
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WITH BARBARA



ROCK GARDENS

Barbara Shorrock

By the end of January, the Calgary gardener has had a pretty good rest, and is possibly thinking of what might be a good project for the coming spring and summer. Let me help you...

The newest book in my library came as a Christmas gift from another gardener, and I offer it to you as inspiration for a project that can be as small as a generous shallow bowl or as large as an acreage. The Prairie Rock Garden by Donna Balzer isn't a new book (published in 2000 by Red Deer Press) but the ideas it contains are as current as the day she wrote it. Drawing upon her experience as the first horticulturist for the Calgary Zoo and Botanical Gardens and designer of many commercial and private landscapes, she leads the reader through planning, material choices, construction and finally planting a new garden that features rock as its prominent feature.

What is a rock garden, exactly? Briefly, it is a combination of rocks and plants in a single space. Some people will emphasize the geological – choosing big dramatic stones, with low plantings. Another gardener will have a dazzling array of alpine perennials that live naturally on rocky slopes with only a small fraction of the rocks visible to give structure to the scene. There is no right or wrong – what pleases the creator is the best way. There are, however, a few rules: The first to consider is location - where in your garden this feature should be, and how it will be oriented to the sun. Because the focus of this book is the prairie environment, she emphasizes the power of the sun and lack of natural moisture for a great part of the year. The rock garden can face any direction, but its design and choice of plants will vary considerably depending upon how much direct sun it receives during the growing season. The second most important consideration is slope, as it must have good drainage or the alpine plants will not thrive. Third, what is your style? Do you love the precision of a formal garden such as the Japanese, with its carefully chosen and placed rocks and minimal plantings? Do you tend more towards the informality of the English country garden, with lush foliage and overlapping textures? Or perhaps you are drawn to the natural scenes around us such as a river cutaway, prairie coulee or mountain slabs and faces with their rocky cracks and crevices. The design section of the book was my favourite part, as she takes us through all the different styles, complete with photos of both nature and local gardens fully planted and complete.

Texture of both the hard and soft material needs to be considered, as does ones budget. A small space using local rocks you have gathered on your travels through the province may cost almost nothing except for your time and energy. If you choose to buy your stone, landscape suppliers and garden centres will give you many options, among which our local tufa is the most lightweight and porous. The Rocky Mountains are all limestone, so this material is abundant and available in a range of colours. Sandstone, fieldstone and river rock also make attractive designs. For the ambitious project, bobcat and crane may be involved, along with strong labourers and a substantial bank account.

Once you have the bones of the rock garden constructed (having followed the practical advice in Chapter 4) you get to choose and plant the alpine plant varieties that will thrive in their new home. Pages of detailed descriptions and many photos help with this part, followed by instructions on how to maintain your new rock garden. If you have planned carefully, it should be a joy for many years to come, with four season beauty and minimal work.

Barbara Shorrock is a local gardener and member of the Queensland Garden Club, which meets every first Wednesday of the month in the Queensland Community Centre. Everyone is welcome.

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- January 16 to May 31 Body Worlds Vital: The exhibition celebrates the living human body and allows visitors to learn about human anatomy is a far more real way than any textbook. www.sparkscience.ca
- March 3 The Harlem Globetrotters: The Harlem Globetrotters, a world-famous exhibition basketball team, combines athletic feats and teamwork with theatre and comedy, www.harlemglobetrotters.com
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- March 5 The Black and White Ball: Decidedly Jazz Danceworks' annual fundraising party is a black and white evening. Dress up in your finest (make sure it's black or white) and dance the evening away. www. decidedlyjazz.com
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- March 24 to 29 Disney On Ice presents Dare to **Dream:** Disney princess stories are coming to the ice. The whole family will have fun seeing these favourite stories come to life on the ice rink, www.disneyonice.com
- March 29 to April 9 Taking Flight: Festival of Student Work: Each year, the Taking Flight festival showcases the range of work conceived, directed and performed by University of Calgary graduate and undergraduate students. www.scpa.ucalgary.ca
- March 30 to April 16 Macbeth: Darkness, dishonesty and murder fill Shakespeare's supernatural tragedy Macbeth. Macbeth timelessly highlights how ambition can cause one's downfall. www.shakespearecompany.com

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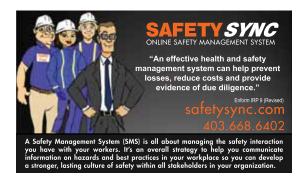


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	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
January 2016	\$551,786	\$539,562
December 2015	\$556,244	\$542,009
November 2015	\$539,000	\$527,505
October 2015	\$569,435	\$557,135
September 2015	\$568,056	\$557,760
August 2015	\$537,364	\$522,819
July 2015	\$566,836	\$553,423
June 2015	\$588,354	\$577,860
May 2015	\$605,634	\$594,155
April 2015	\$531,427	\$520,633
March 2015	\$527,971	\$515,185
February 2015	\$525,785	\$518,040

Last 12 Months Tuscany MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
January 2016	37	8
December 2015	17	11
November 2015	19	17
October 2015	19	14
September 2015	25	19
August 2015	21	18
July 2015	22	23
June 2015	25	27
May 2015	30	29
April 2015	35	18
March 2015	26	28
February 2015	26	20
Total	302	232

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Welcoming refugees

Trustees are proud to lead a school system that provides a wide range of supports for students moving into Calgary from around the world. Since January, The Calgary Board of Education has been welcoming families from Syria.

We know that these families are making this huge transition in their lives because they want the best for their children and education is crucial in achieving those dreams. The CBE will continue to work closely with all of our staff as these children begin their education in Calgary. CBE will also, as always, be working collaboratively with the greater Calgary community to do all we can to see these students succeed.

A key factor in welcoming the students is the Kingsland Reception Centre, the CBE's gateway for non-Canadian citizens. The reception centre is staffed with an admissions team as well as a team of professionals who assess the children's language proficiency in English as well as their home language.

Depending on their English language skills, some students may be enrolled in the LEAD (Literacy, English and Academic Development) program. This program offers a strong focus on English Language Development and numeracy. Teachers in this program have received professional learning opportunities, which help them assist students in adjusting to their new life.

The LEAD program is offered at various CBE schools and additional classes were established in schools with learning spaces available to meet the increased need. Some of the new students may have the necessary language skills to be able to attend their community school. The CBE offers a variety to services to assist schools, including English Language Learning support, diversity support, interpreters and psychologists.

We will continue to welcome these new students to our schools where they will learn, make new friends and discover their talents and interests in our safe and caring environments.

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February is often thought of as a month of love and caring as we celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14. This month, we wanted to share how we've been able to welcome new refugee students into our school district with open arms.

- The first step for students born outside of Canada is to visit our St. John Reception Centre. The centre helps students get registered in our schools and also addresses any needs or concerns the family may have.
- · A teacher and an interpreter (if necessary) work with the family to review their documents and understand the skill-set the students have. Students are assessed on their language abilities (if necessary); this information is then passed on to the student's teacher so they are aware of how much support will be needed.
- The parents have the opportunity to speak with an inschool settlement worker who will connect them to information on employment, financial supports, recreation, language classes, housing and medical needs.
- If needed, psychological supports are also available at the centre. Refugee students who have dealt with trauma can be connected to mental health professionals. A multicultural team is also on-site to help parents learn more about our school system and culture.
- · Once the student is placed in a classroom, schools have specific plans in place to welcome and support new students. The school community is encouraged to learn about the student and their culture, including learning new words in the student's language.

This holistic approach not only takes into account the student's needs, but also the entire family's needs, which helps ease their transition. Of course, there are still challenges for our refugee families. As trustees, we will continue to advocate to provide for the needs of all our students, not just Syrian refugees, but also all refugees and any students new to our country.

We are always working to address the diversity of needs within our district. Our goal is to ensure that our students have their social, emotional, and physical needs met to ensure they are healthy, productive and successful learners. Thank you to our schools and communities for helping us with that goal and for welcoming our new students with care and respect.

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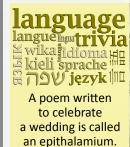
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Tiger in the Sky

Article by Cheryl Bowman Photo by Niket Sura

The Great Horned Owl is the most common owl in North and South America. These magnificent birds are most recognized by their 'plumicorns' which resemble horns or cat like ears. These raptors are very adaptable using several different types of hunting skills to capture their prey as well as having a wide variety of prey.

It is this adaptability for hunting that they received their nickname 'Tiger in the Sky'. The Great Horned Owl will dive, wings bent, talons outstretched to silently capture unsuspecting prey, including prey that outweighs the bird itself. They also swoop low along the ground to grab any variety of smaller prey and interestingly they are known to walk along the ground to capture yet other types of prey.

The Great Horned Owl is a solitary bird except for mating. It is at this time that the smaller male owl will roost close to the nest of the larger female until all the young fledge, and at this time will again leave. The owls do not build their own nests but rather prefer other bird nests.

The most common injury the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society sees in these raptors are injuries from window strikes or of being hit by a vehicle. Owls that are received with injuries from window strikes have a better chance of rehabilitation. Owls brought in with injuries from a vehicle strike are more difficult to rehabilitate due to broken bones and open fractures.

Should you find an injured Great Horned Owl, please call the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre at 403-266-2282 as soon as possible for further instruction. These are powerful birds and must be handled with care, however every moment counts.

If you catch a glimpse of the Great Horned Owl in their natural environment, remain quiet and still and enjoy the wonder of this beautiful Tiger in the Sky.



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Effective immediately, new stops have been added to the Route 305 detour along 34 Av NW. This is to address customer requests in the absence of Route 408 and after the Route 407 detour was removed from this road. To view outbound, inbound, stops closed and temporary stops, visit my e-newsletter at: http://bit.ly/1NE0mGi, contact 311, or visit Calgary Transit's website.

Coffee with the Councillor

Interested in what's going on in your community? Do you have any community, ward, City or Council-related questions? Now is your chance to ask me. In 2016, I am presenting a two-year community report card to inform you on what's happened, changed or planned for the future since I was first elected in 2013. Following my 30 minute presentation, there will an opportunity for a Q&A period. If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please contact Ward 1 communication and research analyst Christine Louie at ward01@calgary.ca.

Coffee with the Councillor Wednesday, March 9, 2016 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

Bowness Library, 6532 Bowness Rd NW

Please note that the two-year report card presentation will begin at 6:40 p.m. The Q&A session will begin at 7:10 p.m.

I would like to thank the Bowness Library for allowing me to use their facilities.

Stay connected! Sign up at www.wardsutherland.com to receive my monthly e-newsletter, which contains council-related news, community Q&A, and my Vice Chair Finance Blog. To view my February issue, visit: http://bit.ly/1NE0mGi.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Crowchild Tr. Study: Upcoming Events

Attend an upcoming public drop-in session to see how the ideas gathered from Calgarians in fall 2015 look when applied to the Crowchild Trail corridor. Learn more about why some ideas will not move forward for further consideration. As well, help us review and evaluate the remaining ideas and the associated benefits, impacts, constraints and trade-offs against the project key principles. Feedback received will help the project team identify concepts for further development.

Drop-in Session #1: Saturday, February 27

Time: 2 to 5 p.m.

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

Drop-in Session #2: Thursday, March 10

Time: 5 to 8 p.m.

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

Drop-in Session #3: Saturday, March 12

Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Queen Elizabeth (Senior) High School, Auxiliary Gym – 512 - 18 St. N.W.

In addition to the events above, similar drop-in sessions for residents, businesses and other stakeholders located within a block of Crowchild Trail have been scheduled in February. These invite-only events provide those with homes and businesses in close proximity to Crowchild Trail an opportunity to participate in the same sessions with others who share their unique perspective or concerns.

An opportunity to provide feedback online will also be available in late February.

For more information about this study and opportunities to provide your input, visit calgary.ca/crowchild.





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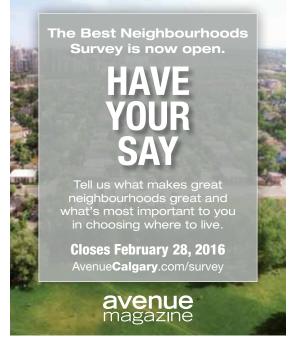
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