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# IN & AROUND CALGARY

# YOUR CITY SECTION

Check out these important updates from The City of Calgary

Celebrate the contribution of Calgary seniors during Seniors' Week: June 6 - 12. Visit calgary.ca/seniorsweek for events in your community.	calgary.ca/seniorsweek
Neighbour Day (June 18) is an opportunity for neighbours to come together to celebrate our strong community spirit.	calgary.ca/neighbour day
Stuck on Deerfoot? Share your challenges and recommendations to make this road better at one of our open houses or online.	calgary.ca/ deerfoot
Planning on doing some yard renovations this summer? Be sure to visit calgary.ca/homeimprovement.	calgary.ca/ homeimprovement
Join with other Calgarians on June 23 to celebrate the Chief David Crowchild Memorial Awards. Learn more by searching Chief David Crowchild on calgary.ca.	Search Chief David Crowchild on calgary.ca
Bring the family to Canada's largest man-made wetland on Sunday, June 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. for free activities and entertainment at The City of Calgary's Park Fest!	calgary.ca/parksevents
Floods, snowstorms, fires, power outages, telecommunication failures — these are just some of the natural, technological and human-induced events that Calgary needs to be prepared for, according to the recent Status of Emergency Preparedness report from the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA)	calgary.ca/cema

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# IN & AROUND CALGARY EMS: Backvard Play Safety

With summer approaching, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to encourage parents and caregivers to ensure their backyard play areas are made safe for children. Although direct supervision is the best method to reduce the chance of injury, ensure your play equipment in your yard is in good repair and is suitable for the age and skill of the children using it. Check play equipment often; replace or repair any worn or broken parts. Set up play equipment over top a nine inch layer of shock-absorbing material such as sand, wood chips, or pea gravel which extends six feet out in all directions from the play area.

#### Water hazards

- Drowning contributes to unintentional injury-related death among children ages one to four;
- Children can drown in just a few centimetres of water if it covers their mouth and nose;
- Ensure all backyard swimming pools are fenced. The fence must be at least 1.8 metres (\*) high and have a self-latching, self-closing, lockable gate. (\*Alberta Building Code)

#### Lawn and garden tools

- Keep young children away from outdoor power equipment;
- Serious burns may result from touching hot engine surfaces;
- Ensure that all sharp tools, fuel, chemicals, and other hazardous substances are stored in a secure, locked area. A simple latch may not be sufficient.

#### Insect bites and stings

- Minimize the risk of attracting insects by not wearing strong perfumes or scented lotions;
- Avoid wearing brightly coloured clothing outdoors;
  Consider destroying or relocating hives and nests situated near your home;
- To avoid injury through inadvertently stepping on a stinging insect always wear footwear outdoors;
- If your child has received an 'EpiPen, Junior' prescription from your physician (for anaphylactic reactions only) ensure they understand when and how to use it;
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# YOUR COMMUNITY **CONNECTIONS**

# **CITY PARKS & PATHWAYS**

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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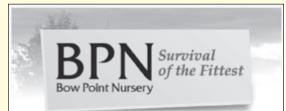




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Planning Services Technician at The City of Calgary, Fandrich is part of the team that helps Calgarians understand Alberta's safety codes and City bylaws on the phone and in person at the Municipal Building. The latest resource Fandrich's team uses to educate Calgarians on development and building regulations is the webpage calgary. ca/homeimprovement, which allows anyone interested in doing a renovation to browse popular home renovation topics for bylaw and permit information, property and land designation, drawings and forms they will need to complete their home renovation.

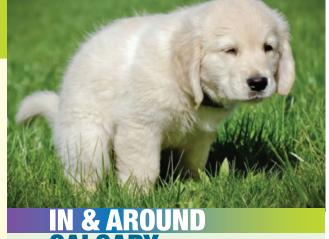
"It can sometimes be difficult to understand when you need a permit and what City bylaws might impact your project - we're here to help guide you through the process," Fandrich says.

Planning, development, licence or permit guestion?

Visit Calgary.ca/homeimprovement or call and visit Planning Services.

#### **Planning Services**

Monday through Friday (closed holidays) 8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Call centre: 403-268-5311 Permit counter: 3rd Floor Municipal building, 800 Macleod Tr SE



# CAI GARY

# The scoop on dog poop

With 150 public off-leash areas and over 100,000 dogs in our city, it's clear Calgarians love their canine companions. What isn't to love is the stinky situation left behind when owners don't pick up after their pets.

Cleaning up your dog's waste helps keep our yards, parks and off-leash areas safe and healthy, and is part of being a responsible pet owner.

Here are five facts you may not know about doggy doodoo:

- 1. It's classified as a hazardous pollutant. It's in the same category as toxic chemicals!
- 2. It's crawling with E. coli and often contains roundworm larvae which, if ingested by humans or dogs, can lead to brain, eye and other organ damage.
- 3. It's not a good fertilizer. Its high nutrient content is toxic to lawns and will create "hot spots" causing the grass to burn and discolour.
- 4. It doesn't absorb into the soil, so the risk of spreading its harmful effects can linger for years!
- 5. It attracts mice, coyotes and other wildlife that consider it a delicious snack.

Keeping our city pet-waste free is easy, if we all do our part. Always carry pet waste bags with you when you walk your dog, and pick up and properly dispose of your pet's waste as soon as possible.

To learn more about the importance of picking up after your pet, join us at a P.U.P.P.Y. (Pick Up Pooch's Poo Yourself) event near you. Visit calgary.ca/puppy for details.



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At Calgary Reads we inspire a reading-revival movement. Now, as part of spreading the joy of reading – you can take part in our **Little Free Library Passport challenge:** 

- 1. First: visit the Passport Office (aka Calgary Reads 105, 105 12th Ave SE) and collect your free Little Free Library Passport.
- 2. Then alone . . . or with your family, friends or group (who have Passports too) – visit the 14 Little Free Libraries (reader citizenship posts!) listed in the Passport. Use the stamps provided at each Little Free Library to stamp your Passport on the corresponding page.
- 3. Return to the Passport Office with at least 10 stamps in your Passport and receive a custom "Well Travelled Reader" badge to sew onto your jacket, backpack or hat. Treat each Little Free Library as if it were a different country and the stamp as your proof of entrance (visit)!

This adventure is open to anyone. Help us highlight the Little Free Library movement and share the importance of literacy and the joy of reading! On your travels perhaps bring a book or two to leave behind or choose a new (to you) one from a Little Free Library as you visit.

This project is an exciting collaboration with Calgary's 2014-2016 poet laureate Derek Beaulieu. Award winning poet, author and publisher, Derek's creativity flourishes. He created the stunning visual poems in our Passport.

**So, be a Well Travelled Reader!** Don't forget to share your photos with us @CalgaryReads using hashtag #yycLFLPassport.

The Calgary Reads office will be closed for summer break from July 18 to August 15, 2016. Pick up your free Passport soon and come back late summer to collect your badge! Calgaryreads.com.

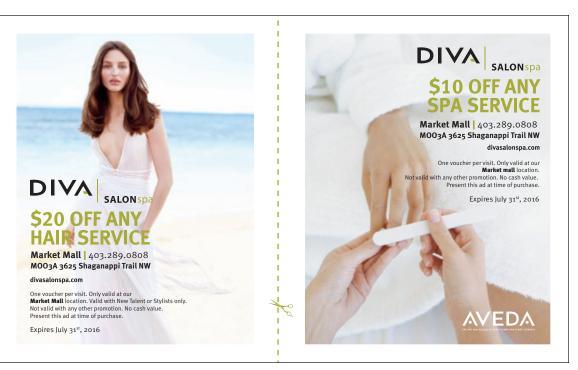


	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
May 2016	\$534,900.00	\$512,500.00
April 2016	\$491,400.00	\$479,800.00
March 2016	\$499,900.00	\$494,000.00
February 2016	\$512,888.00	\$500,000.00
January 2016	\$499,900.00	\$481,750.00
December 2015	\$550,000.00	\$527,500.00
November 2015	\$510,000.00	\$491,000.00
October 2015	\$532,450.00	\$524,575.00
September 2015	\$514,900.00	\$497,000.00
August 2015	\$529,900.00	\$516,125.00
July 2015	\$524,800.00	\$510,000.00
June 2015	\$569,900.00	\$565,000.00

# Last 12 Months Tuscany MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
May 2016	43	32
April 2016	45	30
March 2016	39	30
February 2016	31	17
January 2016	31	8
December 2015	14	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

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **tuscany.great-news.ca** 





# **Tuscany Development Permit Application**

by Anne Burke

City planners recommended that Calgary Planning Commission support the proposed development permit application for a new emergency response station to be built in Tuscany. In January, 2015, City Council approved a land use designation, disposal of reserve land, and policy map amendment.

The site for a new fire station is along Tuscany Drive, at the T-intersection with Tuscany Valley Park. The building will be on land at the SE corner of the Tuscany School Joint Use Site. A notice was posted for two weeks as part of the development permit circulation.

The new station will have CPS, Emergency, and Social uses, with indoor and outdoor spaces. The fire station





plan contains equipment bays, an additional office, dormitories, and service spaces. A community room will be for community group meeting and events.

Access will be from two driveways, off Tuscany Way NW. The north will be for walking, cycling, and public transit for visitors to the community meeting spaces. The south from Tuscany Valley Park will be for emergency response vehicles.

A parking study was not required. However, all parking requirements were met onsite. Utilities and servicing are from Tuscany Way NW. There will be an educational interpretive boardwalk as part of landscaping, solar panels on the bay roof, efficient water use in the garden.

The Tuscany Fire Station will also cover parts of Rocky Ridge and Scenic Acres, in addition to emergencies nearby at Stoney Trail and Crowchild Trail. The Tuscany community now has emergency response from Fire Station 34 in Royal Oak and Station 21 in Silver Springs. Currently, the majority of response times are more than 7 minutes.

Calgary Fire Department considered Tuscany residents' concerns. Tuscany Way will be widened to four lanes this spring, as part of another development project. However, there is an access issue with Tuscany Way from Twelve Mile Coulee Rd., a two-way lane roadway between 80 Ave. NW and Tusslewood Dr. NW. Another concern is the construction process and conflicts with the new elementary school, opening in September 2016.

There was an online survey about landscaping, newsletter articles, meetings with the Community Association, and project presentations at the Tuscany Harvest Festival and Tuscany Coalition Event.

The proposal will require Land Use Bylaw relaxations but is in keeping with the West Scenic Area Structure Plan and the Municipal Development Plan.

# IN & AROUND CALGARY

# **BBQ Season is upon us!**

Your Calgary Fire Department wants you to grill safely!

- Propane, natural gas & charcoal BBQ's should **only** be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area
- Keep your BBQ clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below to reduce the risk of flash fires
- Never leave your grill unattended.

#### NATURAL GAS/PROPANE GRILLS

- Always make sure the lid on your gas grill is open before lighting it.
- Check hoses for leaks at the start of BBQ season by applying a light soapy water solution to the hose, a gas leak will release bubbles
- If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill, then get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.
- If you smell gas while cooking and cannot safely turn off the gas, then immediately get away from the grill and call the *Fire Department*, **DO NOT move the grill**.
   If the flame goes out, turn off and wait at least 15 minutes before re-lighting it.

#### **CHARCOAL GRILLS**

- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches
- If you use a starter fluid, use only *charcoal* starter fluid.
- Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to a fire OR while hot coals are present.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources
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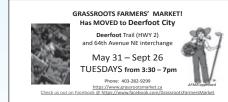
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 July 1 to September 4 - Legends of Rock N Roll: Buddy Holly, Tom Jones, Neil Diamond and Elvis Presley perform classics like Delilah, Blue Suede Shoes and many more. www.stagewestcalgary.com

- July 17 Park Day and Creekfest: This annual event is a celebration of Alberta's natural areas. The whole family is invited to come to the park to learn how to protect our watersheds and respect the provincial park. www. friendsoffishcreek.org
- July 19 to 24 Newsies: This high-energy musical is based on the true events of the 1899 Newsboys Strike. The show centres around a group of struggling "newsies." www.calgary.broadway.com
- July 21 to 24 Calgary Folk Music Festival: This year is the 37th annual Calgary Folk Music Festival. Expect more than 70 different artists from around the world to perform on the various stages at Prince's Island Park. www.calgaryfolkfest.com
- July 22 to 24 Fiestaval Latin Festival: This free, familyfriendly festival is a multicultural celebration of Latin American culture, www.fiestaval.ca
- July 23 and 24 Pet-A-Palooza: A pawty for fido is just what your summer was missing. Join us to meet over 80 exhibitors, local rescues, listen to live music, check out Running of the Bulls - French and English Bulldog Races! www.petapaloozawest.com
- July 25 to 31 Calgary International Blues Festival: This year marks the 12th annual Calgary Bluesfest. It's a full week of celebrating the best of blues music, with workshops, concerts and special events. www. calgarybluesfest.com
- July 30 Making a Murderer's Dean Strang and Jerry Buting: The two defense lawyers are stopping in Calgary as part of their A Conversation on Justice tour. The two will do a Q&A session, discuss the Steven Avery case and talk about what it means in broader terms, too.
- July 30 Inglewood Sunfest: This neighbourhood street festival includes activities that appeal to Calgarians of all ages. Expect live music, plenty of street performers, a Show and Shine and activities for the kids, www. inglewoodsunfest.ca

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ATCO Gas – 24 Hour Emergency	403.245.7222
Calgary HEALTH LINK 24/7	811
Calgary Police – Non Emergency	403.266.1234
Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter	403.234.7233
Child Abuse Hotline	1.800.387.5437
Kids Help Line	1.800.668.6868
Child Safe Canada	403.202.5900
Distress/Crisis Line	403.266.4357
ENMAX – Power Trouble	403-514-6100
Poison Centre - Alberta	1-800-332-1414
HOSPITALS / URGENT CARE	
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Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre	403.955.6200
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Calgary Humane Society	403.205.4455
Calgary Parking Authority	403.537.7000
SeniorConnect	403.266.6200
Calgary Kerby Elder Abuse Line	403.705.3250
Alberta One-Call Corporation	1.800.242.3447
City of Calgary	311
Kerby Centre for the 55 plus	403-265-0661
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Bungalow	5	\$508,500
Bi-Level	1	\$439,000
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- Crystal Creek, 4 bedroom+den two storey
- to be built, 3 car garage, extensive extras
- bonus room, hardwood, fully finished Техт **Т997307** то 85377



- The Highlands, sunny 2 bedroom villa
- hardwood, vaulted ceilings, 3 full baths
- · fully finished, white kitchen, clubhouse



- upgraded 4 bedrooms up+den two storey hardwood & tile, rare 3 car garage
- · bonus room, maple kitchen w/granite



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135 Valley Ridge Green NW • upgraded 4 bedroom+den two storey

- heated garage, A/C, granite & hardwood
- newer roof, finished walkout on golf course



103 Tuscany Estates Close NW • Landmark 5 bedroom+den two storey • finished walkout, bonus room, granite

maple kitchen, backs on greenbelt



- Crystal Creek 4 bedroom+den two storey
- walkout on pond, hardwood & granite
- bonus room, 3 car garage, July 2016 poss



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