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# Tuscany

# Real Estate Update

#### Last 12 Months Tuscany MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
August 2017	\$549,500.00	\$539,500.00
July 2017	\$509,400.00	\$500,000.00
June 2017	\$556,950.00	\$548,500.00
May 2017	\$547,000.00	\$537,000.00
April 2017	\$521,950.00	\$508,500.00
March 2017	\$504,350.00	\$495,000.00
February 2017	\$539,894.00	\$526,375.00
January 2017	\$475,000.00	\$499,800.00
December 2016	\$495,000.00	\$490,000.00
November 2016	\$494,450.00	\$490,500.00
October 2016	\$474,900.00	\$465,000.00
September 2016	\$509,900.00	\$511,500.00

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

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
August 2017	23	26
July 2017	27	22
June 2017	46	36
May 2017	32	33
April 2017	36	36
March 2017	39	30
February 2017	26	22
January 2017	27	13
December 2016	14	11
November 2016	21	22
October 2016	30	33
September 2016	42	35

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# **FOSTERING POTENTIAL AND WELL-BEING**

Any number of social issues can leave children and youth unable to live at home. Enter Mark and Nancy, foster parents who have cared for more than 65 children in their home over the past 15 years. Children in their care have stayed for a few days, up to a few years, depending on the circumstances, with Nancy and Mark providing each child with support until they are able to return home, are adopted, go live with family, or an alternative permanency plan is in place.

These experiences have proved rewarding not just for Nancy and Mark but for their whole family. *"Each of these children have become a member of our family,"* says Nancy. To this day they have a number of their foster children come back to visit as adults.

Over the years, Nancy's philosophy and reasons for wanting to help have remained the same: "Mark and I believe it takes a village to raise a child and we just want to do our part." Time and again, Nancy has seen that the more individuals who support a child and contribute healthy experiences, the more these children have thrived, preparing them to make a positive impact on the next generation. Even though the youth and children in her care have come and gone, Nancy feels that the connections formed last a lifetime. "I have often said that when a child leaves, they leave a bit of themselves with us, and take a bit of us with them." Now that seems like a fair trade.

The third week of October each year is Foster Family Appreciation Week: a week dedicated to celebrating the commitment of individuals, like Mark and Nancy, who open their hearts and homes to children in need.

Tenchoe Dorjee works with community to share the positive impact of Foster Care in supporting vulnerable children and youth in Calgary and area.

#### SAFE & SOUND

### **Halloween Safety**

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and trick-or-treaters of some Halloween safety tips as October 31st approaches. Take some time to review these simple tips and reminders to help ensure your Halloween is a fun and safe night for everyone.

#### **Trick-or-Treaters**

- Remember: all regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked crosswalks, or well-lit corners only. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street, and then cross once to the other side.
- Stay away from houses that are not well lit. Do not accept rides from strangers, or enter any home you feel is unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going to be at all times (route) and advise them if you will be late returning.

#### Parents

- Be certain that young trick-or-treaters are accompanied by an adult. Older children should stay in groups.
- Pre-determine boundaries to trick-or-treat within, and establish a firm time to return home.
- Advise children not to eat anything until they return home. Dispose of any items that appear to have been tampered with, or that are not properly wrapped.
   Costumes
- Choose bright colored costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes further increases visibility.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and increased visibility.
- When purchasing, or making costumes, look for materials and accessories that are labeled flame-resistant.
- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods, or wands, should be soft and flexible, with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic make-up kits instead of masks that may impair breathing, or vision.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing, but not so long that they become a tripping hazard. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankles.
- Ensure your child is wearing adequate foot wear that takes into consideration weather conditions and walking.



#### Happy October!

It's hard to believe but Halloween is just around the corner! Soon the streets will be flooded with little ghouls and goblins looking to fill bags full of sweet treats. Halloween is a great opportunity to meet your neighbours, admire some creative costumes and, of course, enjoy some sweet treats!

While Halloween is a fun time for people, it can be a scary time for pets! The strange visitors, ringing doorbell and unusual costumes may cause stress or even frighten a family pet. To make sure Halloween is fun for the whole family, Calgary Humane Society wants to remind you of a few safety tips for your pets!

- **1. Keep candy out of reach of pets!** Chocolate, artificial sweeteners and certain types of nuts are toxic to animals.
- **2. Set up a safe space!** Setting up a room with your pet's favorite items in a quiet area of the house will help to block out some of the stressful aspects of the holiday.
- **3. Leave Fido at home.** Including the family pet on trick or treating may seem like fun, but strange costumes and fast moving children could cause your pooch a lot of stress.
- **4. Put a sign on the door asking trick or treaters to knock.** Many pets may react to the doorbell more than knocking.
- **5. Be cautious with your costume, especially if your pet is easily frightened.** Consider setting your pet up in a safe space before getting changed into your festive duds.
- 6. Be careful with Fido's costume. Keep dress-up sessions short and watch for signs that your pet is becoming annoyed with their costume. Most pets do not like costumes so if you must dress up your pet, consider snapping a few photos and removing the costume right away.
- 7. Do not allow your cats to roam. A popular myth is that cats can fall victim to foul play on Halloween. While we have not seen that occur in Calgary, roaming cats can fall victim to the increased traffic or may become lost if they are frightened by all the little ghouls and goblins collecting candy.
- 8. Looking for more tools to help a stressed out pet at Halloween? Contact our FREE behaviour helpline at 403-723-6019 to speak to one of our behaviour consultants about different products and strategies that may work for your pet.

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

#### HIGHER STATES: GLENBOW MUSEUM, OCT. 7, 2017 – JAN. 7, 2018

Over 60 works of art make up this exhibition that shows another side of one of Canada's greatest artists. From mountains to states of mind, Lawren Harris aimed to always go higher. After his soaring depictions of mountains and icebergs made him famous and became quintessential Canadiana, the iconic landscape painter and member of the Group of Seven turned to abstraction, seeking to find or create "the spiritual in art." More info glenbow.org.



#### DOWNTON ABBEY ROAD – JUBILATIONS DINNER THEATRE,

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This Christmas market comes just in time to beat the crowds and find interesting gifts to cross off your list this year. Madeby-hand items, home décor, beauty products, tasty treats, paper and fiber arts, hand-made jewellery, and wearables will be on offer. Doors open at 10 am and admission is free. More info facebook.com/peacebypiecemarketplace.

#### A Night of Chicago Jazz featuring Ramsey Lewis – Jack Singer Concert Hall, Nov.17

Ramsey Lewis is a jazz legend. The iconic jazz star is known for his light swinging jazz that never fails to set the mood, dabbling and shifting through genres and sound through his 50-year career. This prolific artist has recorded over 80 albums, and notably sat in on Earth, Wind & Fire's Sun Goddess. Joined by jazz singer Ann Hampton Callaway and trumpet player Marquis Hill, Lewis will take you on a night of jazz to remember. More info artscommons.ca.

#### Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker – Jack Singer Concert Hall, Nov. 18

Marking the 25th Anniversary tour, Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker features over-the-top production and world class Russian artists. Larger than life puppets, nesting dolls and gloriously hand-crafted costumes bring the Christmas spirit to life. More infoartscomons.ca.

#### Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre: Clue: Murder is NOT a Game! – Fort Calgary, Nov. 17

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Calgary Public Library's first outdoor Early Learning Centre is now open at Forest Lawn Library! The nature playground is designed to help Calgary's kids learn and develop foundational skills through play. It's a fully accessible space with special features

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"Creating an even better Calgary takes all of us—not just government," said Mayor Nenshi. "Citizens are the key to improving our communities and creating the best programs and services for our city. Calgarians are the experts in their lives and I encourage them to share their thoughts about life in Calgary by signingup at citizensview.ca."

The City hopes to attract more than 4,000 people that reflect Calgary's diverse population. Members can expect to receive surveys once or twice a month, join online discussions, and receive information on City events and service improvements.

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A member of the British Parliament was at a post office, where mail was sent and received with the receiver paying the rate charged to deliver a letter. A woman came in to see if there was any mail for her. The postman found a letter and asked for the money to pay for delivery. She examined the envelope and returned it. The Member of Parliament, Roland Hill, stepped forward and offered to pay the rate, but the woman thanked him, but refused to allow payment.

As she left the Post office, Mr. Hill followed her and asked why she refused his offer. The lady was embarrassed and told him that the letter was a sign that her brother was alive and fine, thus she did not need to pay. Roland Hill then considered that many people probably had some way to not pay for delivery. He then proposed that there should be a better and more efficient system. He researched the system and came up with a plan to have the mail paid by the sender.

He convinced the government and after much discussion it was discussed to use a universal rate inside England for all mail. He devised an adhesive stamp bearing the picture of Queen Victoria to be placed on an envelope for a letter. It was decided that the mail rate would be determined by weight with 1 English penny (about 2 cents) per ounce. The stamps were printed on sheets of 100 which were separated by cutting with scissors. Therefore, the first postage stamps were without perforation. Perforation machines were then developed. The sheets were then changed to be a red color for the penny rate and after that other stamps in different denominations were used to handle larger and heavier mail.

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- · gourmet kitchen, granite, newer windows



- fully finished 4 bedroom two storey home
- hardwood & tile floors, newer roof, 2 decks
- · white kitchen, mint condition, close to LRT



- 164 Tuscany Ravine Terr NW
- 3 bedroom+bonus rm two storey walkout
- maple kitchen, walnut floors, fully finished
- media room, built by Cardel, views



313, 345 Rocky Vista Pa NW

- 2 bedroom / 2 bath condo, U/G parking
- white kitchen, corner unit, insuite laundry
- · upgraded carpets, balcony, amenities



30070 Burma Road

- custom 4 bedroom two storev walkout
- A/C, heated 3 car garage, fully finished
- 3.89 acres w/ private pond, upgrades
- custom 6 bedroom+den two storev walkout • 3 car garage, 3 fireplaces, fully finished
- bonus room, gourmet kitchen, granite

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425 Tuscany Estates Rise NW







