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Watch for your assessment notice in the mail – it contains important information including:

- Your assessed value
- Your access code to log into *Assessment Search*
- Dates to contact Assessment if you have questions.

Go to *Assessment Search* to:

- View information about your assessment and other details
- Search for comparable properties
- Search for sales of similar properties in your area
- View other detailed assessment information.

Assessment Search – getting started

First-time users will need to complete a two-step registration process:

1. Create a City of Calgary personal myID account. Visit calgary.ca/myID to register.
2. Link your property assessment to your myID account.

When you receive your 2016 assessment notice go to *Assessment Search* at calgary.ca/assessment:

- Login with your myID account and password.
- Enter the roll number and access code displayed on your notice.

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Tuxedo Park Community Association meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, except July and August (no meetings). Meetings start at 7:00 pm. All community residents are welcome to express their concerns, meet some of your neighbours, or sit in and hear what's happening in and around your community.

Hall Rentals: communications@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca



VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's a new year in Tuxedo Park! We have had so many changes in the last few years. Exciting changes. The latest of which is our new newsletter! We hope that you will find it fresh, informative and that it will stimulate you to come out and meet your neighbours in Tuxedo.

That is my theme for this year: meeting my neighbours. Not just the ones next door, but building a community that spans my whole neighbourhood. With talks of the Green Line LRT bringing our East and West sides together as a meeting place, we will have more opportunities to say hello to one another.

My family sometimes makes fun of me for saying hi to people when we are out for a walk. I have lived in Calgary all my life, and I have noticed in the last few years that people often will look down when passing another while walking. I always say hello. The transformation is magical! People often look up, smile, and say hello too! This week, I was walking on one side of Edmonton Trail and saw another woman walking on the other side. I raised my mitten in greeting, and she smiled and waved back. It makes me feel good about our community, and I would dare you to do the same.

There have been more and more emails coming in to volunteer@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca asking "how can I be involved?" "What do you need me to do?" The answer is simple. Come to a board meeting. The second Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Tuxedo Park Hall. We always have coffee and tea, and Anne often brings freshly baked yumminess. That is simply all it takes! You will hear what is going on in YOUR COMMUNITY.... OUR COMMUNITY. You may hear something you want to help with, you may not. But, you will meet your neighbours and that is what it is all about.

Happy New Year, Tuxedo-ites. You're the best!

Chrystina Lusney, Vice President

TUXEDO PARK EVENTS

- TPCA Board Meeting: Thursday, January 14, 7pm
- TPCA Board Meeting: Thursday, February 11, 7pm

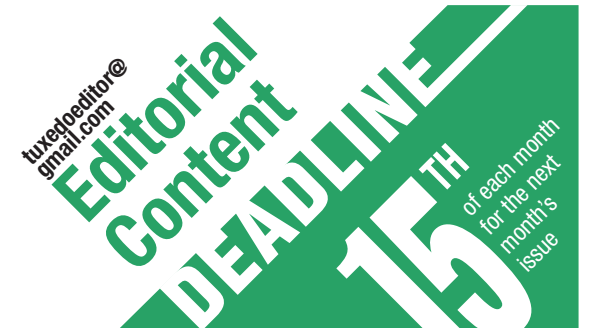
LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Welcome to the all-new Tuxedo Park Gazette! We hope you enjoy our contemporary new layout and full colour features. While the design and printing have changed, rest assured that you can still expect all the same great articles, content, and news from the Tuxedo Park Community Association you've always found here. And now, with our new publisher, Great News Publishing, we're reaching more households than ever in our neighbourhood, as condos and apartments will also receive the Gazette. Welcome to all our new readers and thank you to our loyal audience! 2016 promises to be a year of big changes in our community, and our city. We're looking forward to tackling the challenges that await us, and celebrating the victories as they come.

Happy New Year, Tuxedo Park!

Anne Bougie-Johnson, Editor



TUXEDO PARK MEMBERSHIP

Please check one: New Member Renewal
 Type of Membership: Family \$20.00 (max. 2 adults with children) Individual \$10.00

Family Name: _____

Adult 1: _____ Email: _____

Adult 2: _____ Email: _____

I DO NOT want to receive emails from TPCA regarding programs, events, and community information.

of Children / Youth
(under 18 yrs. old)

1 st Child / Youth Age	2 nd Child / Youth Age	3 rd Child / Youth Age	4 th Child / Youth Age	5 th Child / Youth Age

Telephone: _____ Address: _____

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Personal information collected by TPCA will be kept confidential and will not be used or disclosed to third parties.



Book Truck

Calgary Public Library is adding two brand new mobile libraries to its list of 18 community libraries. The Book Trucks will make stops in communities throughout Calgary, starting January 2016. Each Book Truck will feature 1,800 books and movies for children, teens, and adults. All you need is a FREE Calgary Public Library card (you can even sign up for one on The Book Truck)! To view The Book Truck schedule, visit www.calgarylibrary.ca/booktruck.

Laptops on loan!

Did you know that the Library loans laptops? All community libraries are equipped with computers for public use, and soon all locations will also offer Chromebook Laptops for internet browsing from any seat in the building. Check with your community library for details.

Book Club in a Bag!

Everything you ever needed to host a fascinating book club

can be found in the Library's Book Club in a Bag. The Calgary Public Library has just added over 55 new titles to our Book Club in a Bag collection, with a great book club read available for every reading interest! Each book club set has 10 copies, as well as discussion guides, book reviews, and more. Ask for details at your community library.

50@150

In anticipation of Canada's 150th birthday in 2017, Calgary Public Library is hosting 50@150—an exhibit by artists Alex Park and Paul Scott Birnie that celebrates prominent and diverse Canadians. From January 11-23, 2016, be sure to visit Central, Fish Creek, Crowfoot, and Saddletowne libraries.

Chess in the Library

Join members of the Calgary Chess Club and Calgary Junior Chess Club for the opportunity to play chess supported by coaching. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Chess clubs happen Saturdays at Shawnessy Library and Sundays at Country Hills, Crowfoot, and Central libraries. Check dates and times at www.events.calgarypubliclibrary.com or call 403-260-2620. You can also drop by for a pickup game of chess using giant pieces on a giant board at Bowness, Central, Country Hills, Fish Creek, and Forest Lawn libraries.



Tuxedo Park Hall

A Message from the Hall Manager

Hi Tuxedo, our little hall is being VERY well used lately. We are near capacity for bookings. We host cultural celebrations, birthdays, a few weddings, family potlucks, training sessions, kids groups, fitness and wellness classes and baby showers. Our hall continues to look better and better due to dedicated staff and volunteers. By the time this newsletter reaches everyone's door our lower hall should have a fresh coat of paint thanks to Alberta Job Corps, a training program that helps organizations like ours get updated with a fresh paint and minor fixes while providing essential trades skills to Albertans. Watch our website, I will post new lower hall pictures after it's painted!

If you want to book our hall, call us at least a month in advance. Community members receive 15% off.

We are also looking to provide more programming to our residents. Programs like social events, kids' classes, adult classes and book clubs. If you have any ideas or want to join our Programming team, or, better yet, you have a skill you would like to offer Tuxedo and our neighbours, please email me. Can you lead arts, drama, dance classes? Do you know lots about computers, safety, home repair, fashion or gardening? If so, we can talk about offering info sessions to our residents. Email me at hallrentals@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca or call 403-277-8689.

Shannon Bowen-Kelsick, Hall Manager



Thank you, Santa!

Thank you to all the families, kids, and volunteers who joined us on December 5th for our annual Tuxedo Park Santa Breakfast! The hall was packed with excited kids and parents, who all enjoyed a fabulous pancake breakfast as they waited for our guest of honour. Santa arrived to great fanfare and spent a whole hour listening to the children's wishes and handing out gifts. We raised nearly \$300 for the Calgary Food Bank and were happy to donate 50 gifts to the Magic of Christmas Charity afterwards. We love an opportunity to share the goodness and generosity of Tuxedo Park with the rest of our city!

This traditional feast is one of the shining highlight of the Tuxedo Park Events calendar every year. We're already looking forward to seeing even more of you at Santa Breakfast 2016!



Winter is for the Birds!

Have you considered feeding the birdies this winter? Poor little things out in the cold. Birdseed is cheap, easy to find and the squirrels don't mind it either. That being said, Lee Valley has a wonderful Squirrel Proof birdfeeder so that the birds get the bulk of the seed. The benefits of feeding birds is plentiful!

1. Enjoy the time sitting with a hot bevvv watching your 'outdoor pets.' Kids absolutely love seeing different birds come to the feeder.
2. Birdwatching abounds! We have had woodpeckers, black caps, stellars jays, canaries, finches and others.
3. The sound of nature in our yards or on our balconies. The sound of birdsong is very therapeutic.

Make your own 'Suet'

- 2 cups shelled, unsalted peanuts
- ½ cup raisins
- 2 to 3 tablespoons cornmeal

Process peanuts in a food processor until they're the consistency of peanut butter. Then, add the raisins and process for another minute. Add the cornmeal and process again. Press this mixture into a mold of your choice. Hang from any branch in the yard. See who comes to visit!

If you have any great bird pictures that you want to share with your neighbours in Tuxedo, send them to tuxedoeditor@gmail.com.



A Sign of the Times

The Tuxedo Park Community Association is currently working with the City of Calgary to get a development permit and to lease a small piece of city park land to build a permanent sign on Tuxedo Park (City), near the corner of 29th Ave and Center Street North. Our board and treasurer have approved a budget of \$15,000 for the signage project. The purpose of the sign is specifically for the promotion of our community's events and meetings, and/or information about our association's operations and public safety. We have researched both digital signage and traditional signage. We have decided to go for the digital sign if our budget allows. The outdoor digital sign will establish a deeper connection between our community and residents. Bringing news about our community and internal events can solidify an association between a facility and the surrounding community. With the capabilities of digital signage, it becomes possible to let community members (and possible future residents) know about the unique qualities of Tuxedo Park, including programs, activities and classes for residents and families, awards and board meetings, and value-added services. We will keep posted regarding the process of this wonderful project in the next few months.

Lin Akkad, Communications Chair

Tuxedo Park Flea Market:

Saturday, June 18, 2016 9am-4pm

Come celebrate Neighbour Day at the market!

Bring your junk! Make your crafts! Bring your talent! Sell, sell, sell.

\$25/table or \$15 for seniors/kids. Tables are limited, please book early. Sale will go rain or shine, but we do hope for an outdoor market if the weather is on our side.

Please send a note to Chrystina at volunteer@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca to reserve a table, or volunteer your time. Looking forward to another great year!

Women's English and Social Group

Meet your neighbours and practice English!

The New Friends and Neighbourhood Group program is a safe and fun environment for immigrant women to improve their English and meet new women in the community.

- Free registration, join anytime
- Once a week for two hours
- Learn about community resources
- Make new friends
- No minimum English requirements
- Free childcare provided (6 months – 6 years)
- Learn new things and have fun!

Judith Umbach Library Group 6617 Centre Street N

Mondays 10:00am-Noon

For more information or other locations throughout the city please contact:

Debra Colley, Program Coordinator
New Friends and Neighbourhood Groups
Calgary Immigrant Women's Association
Phone: 403-444-1752
Email: debrac@ciwa-online.com
Visit our website: www.ciwa-online.com

Jazzercise - Dance Mixx Class at the Tuxedo Park Community Hall

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 5:30 pm

Fresh pulse-pounding music and body-blasting moves bring the intensity to transform your body, boost your mood, and ignite your energy.

Carol: 403-827-0228
Judy E: 403-245-5985

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Pet Safety—Keep Your Pets Indoors This Winter

Humans are not the only ones who need to keep warm during the winter months. Your pets do too. Although they might be covered in fur, your pet can still fall ill during the colder months or even get frostbite when temperatures drop below freezing. But have no fear, here are a few tips on how to keep your pet warm this winter.

Keep your pet indoors. This is the number one way to keep your pets safe and warm in the winter. For dogs, take shorter walks when the weather is severely cold. A good rule of thumb is to go out with them and when you're ready to come in, chances are your dog is too. If your dog must stay outside, make sure she has proper shelter and a source of fresh water at all times, and make sure her water cannot freeze.

It's important to remember that cold cars can pose a significant risk to your pet's health. Leaving your cat or dog in the car is just as dangerous in winter as in the summer. Limit car travel to only that which is necessary, and don't leave your pet unattended in the vehicle.

If you lose your pet during the winter months, do not delay. Call 3-1-1 to see if Animal Services has picked up your pet. If not, file a lost pet report with Animal Services.

For more information about pet safety please call 3-1-1 or you can visit us on our Facebook page or on Twitter @yy-bylaws.

Fire Safety

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities Building Safe Communities Program

Each year the Calgary Fire Department responds to over 1000 fires in Calgary. Here are some tips on staying safe from the Calgary Fire Department:

- Ensure your bedroom doors are closed while you are sleeping
- Ensure there are smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home
- Ensure there are at least two exits out any room where people are sleeping (ex. a window and a door)
- Prepare a home fire escape plan including a meeting place

**FEBRUARY 16 TO 21
THE WIZARD OF OZ**

Join Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion on a journey down the yellow brick road. This new production of The Wizard of Oz adapts the classic book for the stage and contains the well-loved songs from the Oscar-winning film.
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**FEBRUARY 19 TO APRIL 24
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ROCK COMEDY**

There are rebels with spaceships, Jedi with lightsabers... there is a princess, a smuggler, and robots, the Evil Darth Vader and singing... yes you heard me... singing of your favourite galactic rock tunes of the 70's and 80's.
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**YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS
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- **February 1 to 29 - YYC Hot Chocolate Fest:** Participating restaurants and cafes across Calgary each create a signature hot chocolate and try to win Calgarians' hearts — the hot chocolate with the most votes takes home the title of Calgary's Best Hot Chocolate. www.yychotchocolate.com
- **February 3 – Calgary Flames vs Carolina Hurricanes** at the Saddledome 7:30 pm. www.calgaryflames.com
- **February 5 to 20 - Lord of the Flies:** Remarkably true to the novel in spirit... the theatre lends itself particularly well to the ritualistic aspects of the story - chanting, dancing, marching, forming a circle round the victim, stamping out a fire. You end up feeling you have seen a fable of infinite implications enacted in a little room. www.storybooktheatre.org
- **February 12 – Calgary Hitmen & Red Deer Rebels** face off at 7:00 pm at the Saddledome. www.hitmenhockey.com
- **February 12 to 14 - Block Heater: A Winter Music Extravaganza:** There's a new music festival in Calgary over the Family Day long weekend. More than 20 artists perform at three Inglewood venues over three days. www.calgaryfolkfest.com
- **February 12 to April 17 - Suite Surrender:** Mistaken identities, overblown egos, double-entendres, and a lap dog named Mr. Boodles round out this hilarious riot of a love note to classic farce. www.stagewestcalgary.com
- **February 21 to 22 - Spinosaurus: Lost Giant of the Cretaceous:** Meet Spinosaurus, the largest predatory dinosaur yet discovered and hear the incredible story of how this prehistoric giant was almost lost to science, before being brought back to light with the help of a remarkable young paleontologist. www.artsccommons.ca
- **February 26 - Calgary Hitmen vs Royals** at the Saddledome 7:00 pm. www.hitmenhockey.com
- **February 27 – Calgary Flames & Ottawa Senators** face off at 8:00 pm at the Saddledome. www.calgaryflames.com
- **February 28 - Night With the Stars:** This year, Theatre Calgary's annual fundraiser has an otherworldly theme. This gala takes participants to a different galaxy. www.theatrecalgary.com

**IN & AROUND
CALGARY**

New Aircraft Approaches Proposed for Calgary International Airport

Changes are being proposed for how some aircraft approach to land at Calgary International Airport (YYC) – changes that can lead to quicker and quieter approaches by arriving aircraft.

The new Required Navigation Performance (RNP) approaches being proposed are designed to take advantage of the latest improvements in aircraft navigational technology. There has been continuous evolution in the technology aircraft use to navigate between their departure location and their destination. With each technological advancement, accuracy in navigation has increased, improving safety, creating greater efficiency in aircraft operations, and reducing noise.

RNP approaches are among the newest enhancements to aircraft navigation and make use of Global Positioning System (GPS) satellite data, the same sort of data used by navigation systems found in many new cars and trucks. While GPS signals have been used for years to help aircraft pinpoint their location in the sky, their use in RNP approaches is relatively new. Nav Canada, the company that owns and operates Canada's civil air navigation service, has been working with airlines and airports to implement RNP procedures, and is now proposing to bring these approaches to YYC.

RNP procedures have been used by some WestJet aircraft at Calgary International Airport for a number of years. With the new RNP procedures, more airlines and more aircraft types will be able to use them. RNP provides guidance to enable aircraft to fly a quieter constant descent approach procedure to YYC, eliminating low altitude level segments which can increase noise. The new procedures are also shorter, reducing track miles flown over some portions of the city.

As part of its ongoing consultation with communities regarding noise related to aircraft activity, NAV CANADA, The Calgary Airport Authority and airline partners are holding a series of open houses to provide an opportunity for those interested to find out more about the RNP procedures proposed for YYC. Representatives will be on hand at the open houses to answer questions. Open Houses are scheduled for:

Uplands Recreational Centre: 20 Hawkside Close NW January 5, 2016 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Palliser Bayview Pumphill Community Association: 2323 Palliser Drive SW January 6, 2016 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Acadia Recreation Complex: 240 - 90 Avenue SE January 8, 2016 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Strathcona Christie Aspen Community Association: 277 Strathcona Drive SW January 13, 2016 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Millican Ogden Community Association: 6901 20 A Street SE January 19, 2016 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Members of the public are also invited to provide input into the discussion of these airspace changes via a survey which can be found online at www.yyc.com by January 30, 2016. The dates, times and locations of the open houses are also available at yyc.com as is additional information about the RNPs and details of The Calgary Airport Authority's aircraft noise management program.

Calgary Airport Authority, community@yyc.com

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The Green Line team is coming to you in January!

The Green Line is a 40 km long new transit line that will extend from Seton in the southeast, travel through downtown, and up Centre Street to Country Hills. Once complete, it will almost double the size of Calgary's LRT network, improving the way Calgarians move around the city. The Green Line is more than just a transit project; it will connect people to places, integrate with new and mature neighbourhoods along the route, and build liveable, vibrant and sustainable communities.

How will the Green Line fit with your community? Join us in January to learn about the project and find out how you can get involved in planning Calgary's next LRT line.

Visit www.calgary.ca/greenline for details on upcoming public events in your area!

Calgary Reads: Writings about Reading

Family Literacy - it only takes 15 minutes of fun!

January 27th is **Family Literacy Day** across Canada and we hope you'll take part in literacy-building activities with the children in your life! Just 15 minutes a day can help develop long-lasting literacy skills in children and strengthen the literacy skills of adults too.

Spending time reading, talking, singing and playing together helps parents and caregivers build positive, strong bonds with their children.

Here are some fun ways your family can mark Family Literacy Day:

• How was your day today?

Have your child write notes (sticky notes are always a big hit) or keep a journal about their day . . . and you do the same. Note fun things and new experiences. Then share the updates with each other in the car, on transit, during dinner or when getting ready for bed.

• Have a game night to celebrate Family Literacy Day

Gather your family's favourite board games and decide which ones to play. Take turns reading the instructions, game cards or keeping score. Perhaps decide to make game night a weekly event. It's a great way to come together and build skills while having fun!

• Build an obstacle course

Engage the whole family in building an obstacle course in the family room or a spot like the basement. Use pillows, furniture, toys etc. Then together, draw and label a map showing how to navigate the course.

• Lights out, talk on!

After bedtime stories with your child, turn off the lights and stay and chat. Take turns making up new endings for the stories you just read . . . or come up with ideas for the character's next adventure!

Thanks to ABCLifeLiteracy.ca for the fun ideas adapted here.

For lists of great children's books by age and resources to help your child develop critical literacy skills and a joy of reading, visit calgaryreads.com.

IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

Rosemont School Update

December was a very busy month with festive singing in the mornings of the last week of school, followed by two performances of our Winter Celebration on December 17th. Winter break was a well-earned rest for both students and staff.

Staff and students are looking forward to our upcoming residency with storyteller Jeff Stockton. This will be a great opportunity for our students to explore the role of a storyteller and how they enhance the written word.

The Women's Centre Calgary: Girl Power After School

Girl Power After School is looking for more girl leaders! Do you know a girl aged 10-12 who wants to build community with other girls and learn how to use her strengths to change the world? The Women's Centre still has plenty of space to welcome new girl participants - the more the merrier!

The program is totally FREE! All snacks, supplies and bus tickets are provided. Girls meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 39-4th Street NE to do fun workshops, activities and projects. Doors open at 3:30pm, with programming from 4-5:30pm. The program is drop-in with ongoing sign-up.

The Women's Centre of Calgary is a safe space for thousands of women looking for community, support, and a place to share their stories. Women attend hundreds of free workshops every year, access emergency food hampers and personal care items, and work for change in their communities. We're thrilled to expand our programming to support more girls in our city.

Girl Power After School will start up again January 5. Email sarah@womenscentrecalgary.org or call 403-264-1155 to sign up. Learn more about the Women's Centre at www.womenscentrecalgary.org.



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Hello Calgary-Klein!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Holiday Open House on December 11th. It was great to meet so many constituents, and as we begin a new year I am excited to meet many more.

It has been a busy year for myself, my staff and our newly elected NDP government. We are proud of the legislation we have passed, including bills to maintain social and educational services, to make our human rights legislation more inclusive and our public agencies more transparent.

I would like to take the time to discuss the Farm and Ranch Safety legislation proposed by our government.

Currently, farm and ranch workers are not covered by occupational health and safety legislation. The proposed changes would give workers important rights, like the right to refuse unsafe work or work they're not trained to perform without fear of being fired. Extending the same protections provided to workers in other industries to farm and ranch workers is the right thing to do. **Every worker in Alberta deserves a safe, fair and healthy workplace and we want to work with industry and producers to make changes that are right for everyone.**

Our Premier has clarified what this legislation **does not do**. This legislation:

- Does not interfere with families' ability to teach their children about farming and pass on their way of life.
- Will not prevent neighbours from volunteering to help each other out.
- Will not regulate or interfere with children's ability to participate in doing chores around the farm.
- Will not interfere in any way with farm kids' ability to learn about agriculture and grow within the 4-H system.
- Will not require you to register your children with the WCB.
- Will not regulate how you operate your household.

BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS

NEPTUNE PLUMBING & HEATING LTD: Qualified journeymen plumbers/gasfitters, very experienced in Tuxedo. Upfront pricing. Reliable, conscientious, fully guaranteed. Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. 24 hour emergency service call 403-255-7938. "Showering you with great service."

NEIGHBOURHOOD CONFLICT? Community Mediation Calgary Society (CMCS) is a no cost mediation and conflict coaching service that can help you resolve problems and restore peace! We help neighbours be neighbours again! www.communitymediation.ca, 403-269-2707.

- Will not interfere with recreational activities on the farm.

We will continue to work with farm and ranch employers, workers and industry groups to better understand this industry's unique needs. Through continued conversations, we will implement workplace rules that are practical and enforceable for farms and ranches.

Workers deserve to be protected, no matter what profession they choose. For more information on the *Farm and Ranch Worker Act*, visit www.work.alberta.ca/farmandranch.

Alberta has a rich rural heritage. Our province's farms and ranches contribute significantly to Alberta's identity, culture and economy. Our farmers and ranchers deserve our appreciation and respect.

My staff and I hope that as you take this time to be with family and friends, you reflect on the blessings of the year past and look towards 2015 with hope, joy and peace.



Looking for residents in Thorncliffe, Greenview, Highland Park & Tuxedo to share their skills!

In the fall of 2015, we had two workshops called "Repairs for Renters" and "Real Talk for Renters". We had good attendance from not only renters – but a cross section of folks.

For 2016, we want to tap into the knowledge and skills in our own community! If you have a skill to share or know someone who does, contact Tannis Eapen, Community Social Worker at 403-828-8394 or tannis.eapen@calgary.ca

We are looking for someone to do a session on gardening basics.

Here are some other ideas:

- home maintenance
- cooking on a budget
- teach a dance
- tell a story about your culture
- teach a fitness class
- plumbing 101
- home decor
- crafts
- lawn care
- games night
- art

Get the New Year off to a Squeaky Clean Start!

Join us for a workshop by Green Calgary on Green Cleaning. We will cover how to choose nontoxic products; make your own all-purpose cleaner, tub scrub & toilet bowl cleaner. For more information visit greencalgary.org

Thursday, January 21st

7:00pm at the Highland Park Community Association 3716 2 St NW

To register, call or email Tannis Eapen at 403-828-8394 or tannis.eapen@calgary.ca by January 18 – spots are limited.

Past Workshops have been at Thorncliffe/Greenview, but for this one we are using Highland Park to accommodate schedules.



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Happy New Year!

Welcome back from what I hope was an excellent holiday season.

As we get back into the swing of things, I would like you to know that your Team Ward 9 has been working hard to continue increasing the ways we engage residents. We are constantly examining our internal processes so that we can continue to facilitate empowering community members to become community leaders.

We innovate to bring the best to the best of Calgary.

At our last strategic planning meeting, Team Ward 9 wanted to find a way to increase the capacity of local governance and help our office map out challenges, opportunities and visions for the future in each community. If you have read my Great Neighbourhoods platform, you know that "Transforming Local Governance" is one of its five Pillars. Part of this includes understanding that:

- Living in a neighbourhood means more than owning or renting a home there – the business people who spend long days offering the services we want, and the rich web of institutions that offer the services we need, are just as important to the completeness of our communities.
- We must build on the incredible strengths of our amazing culture of volunteerism, neighbourhood activism and local governance found within our community associations. We must transform them into "next generation" organizations where the rich mix of residents, businesses and institutions that make our neighbourhoods what they are, can meet, plan and work together.

Using these points as a frame of reference, we will be organizing Community Conferences to bring together residents, community associations, businesses, service providers, community leaders, and community institutions for a day-long workshop. The directions provided from the Community Conference will form the guiding principles for our office's continued advocacy and work on your behalf, and be fully incorporated into our strategic plan going forward.

Over the coming weeks, we will be communicating with you as we schedule each community's Community Conference. I encourage you to think about how you would like to participate. I also encourage you to provide our office with your suggestions as to how we can make these Community Conferences inclusive, robust, substantive and meaningful.

Please send your comments to Ward09@Calgary.ca. We look forward to your input. Let's shape the city we want to see in 2016!

YOUR COMMUNITY business of the month

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Tuxedo Park Community

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TED TIPS:

Preventing Springtime leaks in outside hose bibs.

Garden hoses should be disconnected from outside taps and shutoffs inside should be closed and drained down. Most shutoffs are located in the mechanical room or just before going out the wall by the outside tap. If this not done in the fall before it freezes, this is when you get split hose bibs in the spring at thaw time.

What to do if my garburator smells?

Throw a bunch of ice with a cut up orange and turn it on. The ice will scour your garburator clean and the orange kills the smell.

How do I know when it is time to change my Hot Water Tank?

The truth is nobody knows when a Hot Water Tank is about to rupture and leak. I wish we could invent a button that would pop prior to a leak. Hot Water Tank average life is 7 -11 years depending on the amount it is

used. Some signs that it may be time to replace is not enough water for a bath or shower, rust in your water or it leaks at the bottom. Many homes have a floor drain within a few feet of their tank. If you do not have a floor drain within four or five feet, when it ruptures, the water could go anywhere as water will take the path of least resistance.

Water is dripping from my shower head or tub spout; do I need to replace them?

Usually this is a sign that the cartridge on your tap is worn out. We can simply replace the cartridge for this.

That's it for now. If you have any questions or require our services, please give us a call at 403-230-5900.

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