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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.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In my last message as president of the Tuxedo Park Community Association, I wanted to take the time to thank all the wonderful people that have touched my life over the last three years. Serving as president has been one of the most meaningful and rewarding experiences of my life. I am without a doubt a better person for it, because it helped me to be more open to receiving love.

*"This is the art of courage: to see things as they are and still believe that the victory lies not with those who avoid the bad, but those who taste, in living awareness, every drop of the good." ~Victoria Lincoln*

I came across this quote the other day and I think it beautifully expresses the secret of our success over the past three years. We went from seriously considering closing our doors in 2013 to today, where our operations have the strength to be the foundation we need to help Tuxedo Park reach its full potential and to grow even stronger relationships between neighbours.

If you ask me how we did it, my answer is simple. We did it with LOVE. We were courageous, yes. But, it was our willingness to gradually open up to the LOVE that was being created from our heart-felt efforts in service of our community that provided the fuel for our courage.

Love for our community is what first gave Shannon, Chrystina and I the courage to fill the shoes of those before us. That same love then kept us going the first time we said to ourselves, "Holy @\$%, what have we gotten ourselves into?!" The longer we trudged onwards, the stronger our relationships with each other grew. Before we even knew it, we created this safe space where we could fearlessly be ourselves. When we disagreed, our shared vision for our community and our respect for each other helped us to have the tough conversations needed to determine what was best for Tuxedo Park. When one of us was down, another would pick up the slack. If one of us made a mistake, forgiveness was quick and authentic. We accepted each other, flaws and all, and we trusted that we were always doing our best.

What made our experience feel almost divinely-inspired and blessed was every time we were on the verge of giving up, a new talented, committed, inspiring and passionate person would emerge. Our love for our community may have initially brought us all together, but it

is our deep love and respect for each other as valuable and wonderful human beings that makes our community association what it is today.

So THANK YOU, Tuxedo Park! You taught me that if you want to go from a life that feels like you are barely surviving, to one where you are thriving, you have to open up to LOVE. Accomplishments, achievements, sacrifices, everything that we do and give, will not amount to anything if we don't let ourselves receive LOVE.

Keep courageously and lovingly marching onwards my friends! Life will always be messy, so fearlessly face the so-called "bad" head-on because it's real and remember to also soak in the "good" every moment of every day because you deserve to deeply feel all the love the world has to offer.

I hope to get a chance to see everyone at the **AGM on March 10 at 7 pm** for a hug. This isn't goodbye. I'm just at a reflection point in my life where I want to take the time to determine how I can best contribute to our community.

Thanks again for everything. I couldn't have done it without your love and support.

I do indeed LOVE Tuxedo Park.

Onwards!

Tammy





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# TUXEDO PARK EVENTS

- Tuxedo Park Co-Work Day: March 8, 8am-5pm
- TPCA AGM: Thursday, March 10, 7-9pm**
- Tuxedo Park Co-Work Day: April 12, 8am-5pm
- TPCA Board Meeting: Thursday, April 14, 7-9pm
- Tuxedo Park Flea Market & Plant Exchange: Saturday, June 18, 9am-4pm

**Free Programs at the Tuxedo Park Hall:**  
 Seniors Fitness: Tuesdays, March 1- May 30, 10-11am (Free!)  
 Monday Night Yoga with Steph, starting March 7, 6-7pm (Free!)  
 Kids Toy Making March 21-24, 5-6:30pm (Free!)

Call Shannon at 403-277-8689 or email hallrentals@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca for more information or to register for any of these great, free programs at the Tuxedo Park Community Hall.

# Tuxedo Park AGM

## Join the Conversation!

### Thursday, March 10

The Annual General Meeting of the Tuxedo Park Community Association will be held Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 7-9pm, at the Tuxedo Park Community Hall. Join us for an evening of information, insight, and conversation about what's happening in your community. The agenda will include:

- Board nominations
- Vote on Proposed Bylaw Changes
- Special Guest Speakers
- Greenline Update
- Membership Renewals
- Refreshments, Wine & Cheese
- An awesome opportunity to meet your neighbours and get involved!

**Thursday, March 10th 7-9pm**  
**Tuxedo Park Community Hall: 202 29th Avenue NE**  
 All Welcome—No Registration or RSVP Required



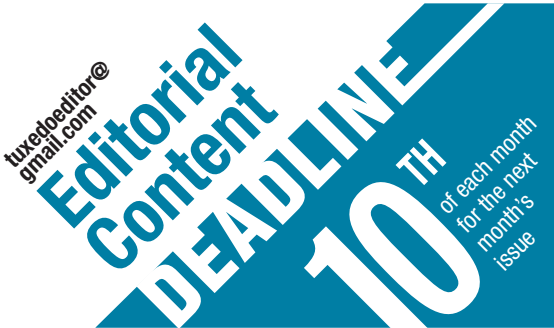
# Free Seniors Fitness Classes at Tuxedo

Would you like to be more active and have fun at the same time? Join the Tuxedo Seniors Fitness program to build balance and strength while enjoying a social component.

**Date:** Tuesdays, March 1- May 30  
**Time:** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Tuxedo Park Community Association  
 202 29th Ave. NE  
**Fee:** FREE for all participants, transportation provided (if needed)

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the program start time to complete registration information. Please wear runners or appropriate shoes for exercise. Spaces are limited.

For more information or to register, contact:  
*Jenn Deschenes*  
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 The City of Calgary  
 T 403.476.7284  
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# TUXEDO PARK MEMBERSHIP

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Type of Membership:

☐ New Member
 ☐ Renewal
 ☐ Family \$20.00 (max. 2 adults with children)
 ☐ Individual \$10.00

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☐ I DO want to receive emails from TPCA regarding programs, events, and community information.

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 Daughter has Babysitters Course

**Marilyn 403-295-0304**  
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**Sam R. 403-988-7507**  
 Daughter has taken Babysitters Course

**Susan G. 403-542-1213**  
 Son has taken Babysitters course.

**Chrystina L 403-244-2418**  
 Has son and daughter able to babysit.

**Parents:** If your child, or children, have babysitting experience and would like to be in our babysitting registry, please contact Chrystina at 403-244-2418 or volunteer@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.





# Community Clothing Give-Away

Saturday, April 16, 2016  
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
Highland Park Community Hall

Limit – one bag of clothing per individual.

Tell your friends, or shop for a friend, or join DOZENS of volunteers as we sort and categorize lots and lots of gently used clothing for all ages. If you would like to volunteer, please send a note to [hpcavolunteercoord@gmail.com](mailto:hpcavolunteercoord@gmail.com).

# Lifetime Member of the TPCA Passed Away

The TPCA is sad to report that lifetime member, George Maxwell Collins, passed away on December 11, 2015 at the age of 76. He was a valued member of our community and will be missed by his family, friends and neighbours.



# News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

The goal of Nose Hill Park is to perpetuate the natural character of the landscape while providing compatible, quality recreational opportunities (Nose Hill Natural Area Management Plan 1994). Some of these are hiking, cycling, running, and dog-walking. However, there is work to do in protecting this precious natural grassland through conservation of its ecologically significant areas.

A restoration plan was proposed to close park trails with damaged vegetation; for rehabilitation and reseeding; removing priority areas of brome and replacement with native grasses. Now there is potential for re-populating wildlife, ground-nesting birds such as the sharp-tailed grouse.

Nose Hill is important to people and their wellness, especially during times of economic stress and strain; it is a source of wildlife and bird study, historical resources, green space for nature, and outdoor activities. The Hill is a winter birding location for certain species, particularly raptors. In summer the prairie habitat attracts 14 species of sparrow. It is an accessible area for native grassland. Some species are no longer present due to changing vegetation, human impact, and the overall decline in grasslands.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature provides for diversity of species and ecosystems. This

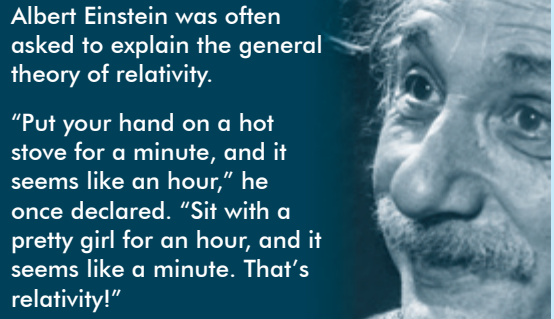
applies to animals, plants, habitat, and genes from land, sea, and other aquatic ecosystems.

The Biodiversity Policy was approved by Council in March, 2015. There are four principles: ecological literacy, resilience, collaboration, and integration. The first is to support biodiversity by knowledge and understanding about ecology, personal stewardship, and Calgary's natural heritage.

The Advisory Committee on Biodiversity meets monthly and one subcommittee fosters ecological literacy, which means to promote public understanding of biodiversity and ecology to encourage positive actions that support environmental conservation.

Some commitments are:

- a) Develop volunteer initiatives and education programs to support stewardship and conservation with schools, communities, and citizens.
- b) City staff, Council, businesses, and communities access training and information to promote the goals of biodiversity conservation, through buying practices, building and site design, open space planning and management. This includes an awareness of invasive species (weeds), habitat fragments and loss, and indirect pressures on biodiversity which cause ecological disruption.
- c) Set objectives and targets for conservation across appropriate initiatives. Three new on-the-ground initiatives will be implemented within the ten years of the program.
- d) Make biodiversity common in City decision-making. The aim is to restore degraded habitats and manage biodiversity of Calgary's open space and neighbourhoods.



Albert Einstein was often asked to explain the general theory of relativity.

"Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute, and it seems like an hour," he once declared. "Sit with a pretty girl for an hour, and it seems like a minute. That's relativity!"

# Recovery Acres (Calgary) Society

has appointed Tuxedo Park resident, Dixie Baum, to the position of Community Citizen Liaison Officer.

Residents of Tuxedo Park who have questions regarding the operation of a special care facility at 101 - 29 Avenue NE may contact her at 403-245-1196 or [dixie@recoveryacres.org](mailto:dixie@recoveryacres.org)



Recovery Acres Society

# Winston Heights Mountview Community Garden Update: Accessibility

Universal access was one of the principles on which the community garden was built. Many of the garden's features were designed to make the garden an inviting and inclusive space for both gardeners and visitors of all ages and abilities. Next time you are in the garden, you might note some of the following amenities.

The pathways have a hard flat surface that is stroller and walker friendly.

There are benches and seating areas

throughout the garden.

The south entrance to the garden connects directly to the parking lot.

There are five special access beds designed especially for those with limited mobility. Two of these beds are smaller (4' x 4') than the standard beds, and can be tended from the side facing the pathway. They are taller, to minimize the need for bending and stooping. Three of the beds have been specially designed and constructed to be wheel-



chair accessible, one of which is u-shaped for access from a single position. All of these beds are located in the south wing of the garden to be close to parking.

Beds are still available for the 2016 growing season communitygarden@winstonheights.ca.

Gardeners are invited to the Annual Garden Meeting Thursday April 7, 7:00 pm.

# Tuxedo YYC Co-Work Day

Need to get out of your home office and work? Do you want to take a day off from travelling to your downtown office and work locally? Do you need a day away or even just a few hours away from home to start developing your new business or passion? Tuxedo Park Community Association is very excited to offer our cozy and updated lower hall space to our newly launched "Tuxedo YYC Co-Work Day".

We will have the lower hall set up as a co-work space for one day a month. The space will have "desks" and chairs set up, a cozy meeting area, a whiteboard and "boardroom" table area with projector. The space is open and will spur creativity, connection and sharing. Using the space is currently free for all. Membership may be encouraged in the future.

**2016 Tuxedo Co-Work Days:**  
8:00am-5:00pm

- Tuesday, March 8
- Tuesday, April 12
- Tuesday, May 10
- Tuesday, June 7
- Tuesday, July 12
- Tuesday, August 9
- Tuesday, September 13
- Tuesday, October 4
- Tuesday, November 8
- Tuesday, December 6

What is supplied:

- Wi-Fi
- Individual tables ("desks") and chairs
- Whiteboards
- Projector
- Office supplies including: printer, paper cutter, stapler, hole punch etc.
- Coffee, tea, hot chocolate
- Business Speaker Sessions throughout the day
- Community lunch is possible (ordering locally and eating together while we connect and network), ~\$5 contribution to order will be requested

For more information contact Shannon at hallrentals@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca.

# Proposed TPCA Bylaw Change

The TPCA is considering two changes to the current Association Bylaws. Notice is hereby served that a vote on the proposed special resolution will take place at the TPCA Annual General Meeting (Thursday, March 10, 7-9pm).

The first proposed change will deal with the signing authority of the Hall Manager in the running of the Tuxedo Park Hall.

The current Bylaw states:

Article X

Executive Committee

1. There shall be an Executive Committee comprised of: President, Past President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer 3 | Page August 8, 2005
2. The Executive Committee shall be the Management Committee and shall meet on the call of the Chair or authorized alternate.
3. The executive committee shall not have the power to independently spend more than \$200.00 (Two Hundred Dollars) without the approval of the general membership.
4. **Signing Authority shall be any two of four.**
5. The Seal shall be in the possession of the Secretary at all times.

The proposed change will affect item #4, which would read:

**4. Signing Authority shall be any two of four. The board can choose to add the Hall Manager/Executive Directory/Administrator of TPCA to signing authority with a motion annually.**

The second proposed change: To replace the one instance in the TPCA Bylaws of "chairmen" to "chairperson."



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## IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

### Rosemont School

We had a very informative parent literacy night on February 3rd. **Calgary Reads** facilitated the session with information on how you, as a parent, can support your child's literacy learning at home. Thank you to the Rosemont School Council and the Rosemont Fundraising Society for facilitating this event!

A number of exciting learning opportunities will be part of the learning at Rosemont School in the coming months. We began our residency with **Jeff Stockton**. Jeff is a storyteller and educator and all students will be working with Jeff to create and present their own unique story! Jeff's residency with us will span the months of February, March and April.

In February, we held our annual celebration of **Carnaval**. Our grade 5 and 6 students planned lunchtime activities as we celebrated our own Carnaval de Neige. Our physical education during the same week participated in the Rocks and Rings program that introduced our students to curling.

**Yoga** returns to our physical education program over eight sessions from mid-February through mid-April. We are excited to work with Flourish Yoga and their YogaKids instructor.

## 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:

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New Friends and Neighbourhood Groups  
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Phone: 403-444-1752, Email: [debrac@ciwa-online.com](mailto:debrac@ciwa-online.com)  
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### Action Plan - Mid Cycle Review

Hello Ward 9 Neighbours!

Well, we've collectively made it through another February. It has been a challenging start to the new year - with oil prices low, the cost of food on the rise, and the Alberta economy in what feels like a more and more precarious position with each day that passes, it is hard not to grow wary of our economic stability.

We know that Calgary is an amazing city for people to live. It has all of the means to offer the rich economic, cultural, and environmental diversity necessary to keep us on this trajectory toward a city of Great Neighbourhoods and inspiring communities.

The change in our local economy is not lost on City Council. How to maintain Calgary's strength as a growing metropolis, ensuring we have the infrastructure, amenities, and services - such as accessible and affordable public transportation, a strong and responsive police service, recreational facilities, and roads and pathways to reduce our commute times - needed to attract more people to live and invest in our city, is essential.

To better understand our collective goals and maintain our economic stability, City Council approved the first ever four-year business plan and budget for the City of Calgary in 2014. Aptly named *Action Plan 2015-2018*, this outlines Council's five priorities:

- A prosperous city
- A city of inspiring neighbourhoods
- A city that moves
- A healthy and green city
- A well run city

Each year Council considers adjustments to the plan and budgets annually to allow us to respond to emerging issues and unexpected events. This year we introduced a more comprehensive mid-cycle process called the *Action Plan Check-in*.

Throughout the month of February, City Administration collected feedback from Calgarians on their priorities

# Homestart Program:

## Volunteers Needed

The Home-Start program is a free in-home support program for families with young children in Calgary. The Home-Start program is one of many community programs offered by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Calgary.

Home-Start is a unique program in that it is facilitated by caring, committed volunteers with parenting experience and a heart for families with young children. Volunteers offer friendship and practical support to a family for two to four hours per week. The relationships built and support offered make a huge difference in strengthening families!

for 2017-2018, particularly keeping in mind the changing economic landscape. The aim of this engagement was to ensure that the priorities originally directed by Council still align with what we heard from Calgarians.

One of my missions at City Hall is to empower local governance structures and residents in the decision-making process. I fundamentally believe that meaningful engagement in our budget and business plan - how your money is being spent - is instrumental in achieving this goal.

At the time of writing this newsletter, *Action Plan Check-in* data was still in the process of being collected. I look forward to reading the report coming to Council with what we heard from Calgarians and having it help shape our next steps moving forward.

If you did not have a chance to participate, I invite you to reach out to your Team Ward 9 with any comments that you would like added to this process. As always, we can be reached at 403-268-5330 or [ward09@calgary.ca](mailto:ward09@calgary.ca).

*Yours truly,*  
Gian-Carlo



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Hello Calgary-Klein!

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It's been a busy few weeks for the Government of Alberta, so I've got a few news items to share with you.

#### Royalty Review

The Government of Alberta recently adopted the recommendations of the Royalty Review Advisory Panel, and they will come into effect beginning in 2017. The modernized royalty system will provide a simpler, more transparent and efficient system that will promote jobs and investment activity, while increasing revenue to Albertans over time. In addition, the unprecedented level of transparency that the changes will bring about -- through reports and disclosures on prices, production, and costs, all accessible through a website-- will ensure that all citizens can monitor the new system and ensure that it meets the priorities of Albertans. The new royalty system will also reward producers who reduce drilling costs below the industry average through innovation, which over time, will grow net revenues industry-wide.

The panel listened to industry, labour, environmental groups, academics, business leaders, community leaders and thousands of Albertans who provided their input in-person and online. The new changes will ensure that Alberta's resources provide the right rewards to our partners, and the right return for Albertans for future generations.

#### Petrochemical Diversification Program

The Government of Alberta is taking action on the economy, helping to create jobs, attract investment and diversify the economy through the recently-launched Petrochemicals Diversification. By encouraging companies to invest in new facilities in Alberta by providing royalty credits, the development of new facilities could create up to 3,000 new jobs in construction as well as 1,000 jobs once operations begin. Furthermore, these facilities could attract between \$3 billion and \$5 billion in investment.



#### Safe and Caring Schools

At the request of Alberta school boards, Education Minister David Eggen has released a new resource to aid school boards in drafting policies to support welcoming, caring, respectful and safe schools. The document, *Guidelines for Best Practices: Creating Learning Environments that Respect Diverse Sexual Orientations, Gender Expressions and Gender Identities*, will assist educators as they work to accommodate their students in situations that they have not previously encountered. It has received good feedback from the Alberta Teachers' Association.

Our guidelines have identified that not all students are supported in their homes when it comes to their expressed gender identity. A 2015 Canadian Trans Youth Health Survey found that 70 per cent of respondents felt their family didn't understand them and one in three did not have an adult they could discuss their problems with. Schools can be the place where students struggling at home can feel safe. It's our legal responsibility to support them as best we can, and these guidelines help educators to do so.

# your COMMUNITY business of the month

## Nicastro's Pub Tuxedo Park Community

Tony Nicastro comes by his entrepreneurial spirit naturally! He is first generation Canadian and his large Italian family has and does own businesses all around Calgary! Predominately restaurants, so it is of no surprise that he joined the ranks and opened Nicastro's Pub in Calgary's inner-city! Tony is no ordinary Pub owner though, he sees his role as a local business owner as an opportunity to invest in his community. Since opening in November of 2013, Tony has taken the two story building and turned it into a community gathering spot! Although the 25 plus TV's, ice cold beer and pub style menu has made this spot a favourite amongst sports fans, the neighbourhood pub has also become a unique spot for events such as PaintNite, Calgary Speed Dating, Connect-More games night and live music. The upstairs room is a popular spot for adult birthday parties, corporate Christmas Parties and the occasional stag! With the new menu set to launch by spring time and patio season just around the corner, Tony and his staff are looking forward to a fun filled year!

Not one to sit still, Tony is always looking for opportunities to use Nicastro's Pub to build a stronger community! The annual Stampede Party for families and the monthly business luncheons hosted at the Pub are just a few examples of Nicastro's Pub doing its part to build a stronger more connected community! Located at 2820 Centre Street N, it is hard to miss the bright blue building! With nightly food and drink specials, and staff that make it their mission to know your name and story, there really isn't a bad time to come in and visit! Of course you could check us out on Facebook, twitter or Instagram, but we'd much prefer you come by and say hi!

*"Amazing Place, Amazing Food, Amazing Service... Love this place. Thanks Tony and team for providing our neighbourhood with such an amazing pub! Cheers!" - Brent*

*"What a great night at Nicastro's! Thanks to the Nicastro family for the great hospitality, making our Re/Max event a successful evening!" - Sherry*

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