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Tuxedo Park AGM

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

7 PM

@ Tuxedo Park Hall
(202 29th Ave NE)

**Guest Speakers • Refreshments • Door Prizes
NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!**

Everyone Welcome

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sit in my living room this morning, it is -26 outside with A LOT of snow.

For me, these are the months to get through. One thing that I have really noticed with our massive snowfall is that I am grateful for those people who take the time to shovel their walks. Walking to work yesterday was a hopping adventure of snowdrifts and pathways. It felt so good to land on a sidewalk that had been shovelled! Hopefully, by the time this newsletter reaches you, we will be moving towards dry sidewalks... but, if not, please do consider shovelling your neighbours' walks... always appreciated.

This will be my last message as president of Tuxedo. I will move into the past president role and will assist whomever is on our Board to ensure a smooth transition. We are always in search of new volunteers, and especially are searching for Board members at present. The commitment is as big or as small as you want it to be... we would love to see you either at our AGM (7pm, March 9) or at any general meeting, held the second Thursday of every month at 7pm.

Our bi-annual casino fundraiser at Calgary Casino will be held May 27 and 28. This casino raises upwards of \$80,000 for our community and we would love your help. Please use the link <https://www.volunteersignup.org/WCKKQ>

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our amazing community for a year. I will be hosting the Flea Market in June, and look forward to meeting you there. In the meantime, there will be general meetings, Jelly Bean dances, and maybe even a few more opportunities to meet.

*Thanks again,
Chrystina*

CLOTHESLINE

Not sure what to do with your clutter? The Clothesline program in Calgary collects gently used clothing, electronics and small household items-where proceeds support the Canadian Diabetes Association. To donate and schedule your free pick-up, call 1-800-505-5525 or visit www.diabetes.ca/clothesline.

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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



Tuxedo Park Needs You!

Are you interested in getting to know your community and neighbours? Do you want to be the first to know about developments coming into Tuxedo Park? Would you like a voice in the decisions made at City Hall about our community, Centre Street development, and the Green Line LRT?

Join the Tuxedo Park Community Association Board of Directors! We're looking for forward-thinking, fun-loving, community-minded volunteers who can spare just a few hours a month to help us improve our neighbourhood (and beef up their resumes in the process). We're looking for:

- Editor of the Tuxedo Park Gazette
- A Business Liaison: someone to link our great community businesses with the TPCA;
- Membership Committee Member: volunteers interested in meeting their neighbours and helping the TPCA grow;
- Programming Committee Members: volunteers to help develop and facilitate the fantastic free programming offered through the TPCA;
- General Board Members: keen individuals who would like to join our discussions at the boardroom table;
- Treasurer/Finance Committee Members: Fiscally minded volunteers who can help shape and maintain the financial health of our Association, or those looking to learn finance skills;
- Communications Committee Members: people to join our existing Communications Team to help spread the word about how much Tuxedo Park has to offer.

Contact Chrystina at volunteer@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca or Anne at tuxedoeditor@gmail.com today to see how you could work with and join our team today! Or, just drop-in to one of our open General Meetings the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7pm—next meeting: Thursday, March 9th @ 7pm.

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TUXEDO PARK EVENTS

- **Tuxedo Park AGM:** Thursday, March 9th, 7pm
- **Social Connections & Lifelong Learning for Older Adults:** Thursday, March 16th, 1-4 PM
- **Tuxedo Park General Board Meeting:** Thursday, April 14th, 7pm
- **4th Annual Tuxedo Park Flea Market & Plant Exchange:** June 17th 9am-4pm
- Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6pm – **Kids' after school program**
- Mondays 6-7pm – **Yoga Mondays**
- Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am – **Seniors Fitness**
- Wednesdays 9-10am – **Qi Gong with Saranga**



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 Type of Membership: Family \$20.00 (max. 2 adults with children) Individual \$10.00

Family Name: _____

Adult 1: _____ Email: _____

Adult 2: _____ Email: _____

I DO 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: _____

Payment Method: CASH ONLINE CHEQUE Received / Date: _____ Entered: _____

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



Community Babysitting Providers:

Lynn R. 403-229-1691
Has Red Cross Babysitters and CPR.

Josie 587-228-4608
Daughter has Babysitters Course.

Marilyn 403-295-0304
Mature woman would enjoy babysitting babies up to 2 years of age.

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
son and daughter have babysitting course.

Kristina. 403-690-2572
Adult woman, provides childcare evenings and weekends. Enjoys doing crafts with kids.

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.

PROGRAMS AT THE TUXEDO PARK HALL



Social Connections and Lifelong Learning for Older Adults: Keeping Our Brains Healthy as We Age
 A FREE carya presentation & community conversation for Seniors.

Thursday, March 16th, 1-4 PM
 Tuxedo Park Community Hall

As we move through life, our brains continue to grow and change. Not only does the aging brain grow in response to new learnings and experiences, social connectedness and engagement are also directly related to cognitive health and well-being. Join us as we explore ways to keep our brains healthy as we age. Light refreshments will be served after the presentation.

For more information, contact Heather at 403.205.5242, or visit caryacalgary.ca/events to register for your free spot.

Yoga Mondays

Monday nights 6:00pm-7:00pm (arrive early to sign waivers).

Currently FREE, (residents and non-residents can purchase memberships)

No Yoga on holiday Mondays

Seniors Fitness

Tuesdays, 10:30am-11:30am (arrive early to sign waivers).
 FREE, all welcome

Space is Limited

For more info, call 403-276-8986

Walk 15 Fitness with Nancy

Mondays starting September 26 2016

9am-10am, Upper Hall (arrive early to sign waivers)

Free, membership encouraged, all welcome

Whether in our 40s or our 70s, we can feel in our prime of life at any age, and staying active as we grow older is a key to maintaining mobility and independent living.

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Qi Gong with Saranga

Wednesdays 9am-10am

By donation, membership required (residents and non-residents can purchase memberships)

After School Program (run by the City of Calgary)

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4pm-6pm

Free, all welcome

Tuesday & Thursday

Time: 4:15 – 6:00 p.m.

Dates: Sept 20, 2016 - May 25, 2017

Ages: 6 – 12

The City of Calgary presents a FREE program for ages 6 - 12. Tuxedo Calgary After School Program focuses on developing friendships, supporting positive self-esteem, and increasing self confidence. The program is supervised by trained and qualified City of Calgary Recreation Leaders who build strong relationships with participants by providing fun and interactive activities. During program, participants will play games, learn how to make a variety of crafts and have fun!

For further information or to register, contact:

Brooke Rommens, 403-476-7224

Brooke.rommens@calgary.ca

Finances 101 with Jill (CPA)

Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm, free to attend, all welcome

- February 15 2017 – Effective Tax Strategies
- March 15 2017 – How to Teach Your Kids About Money
- April 12 2017 – Identity Theft Protection
- May 24 2017 – Planning for Retirement
- June 7 2017 – Estate Planning

To register or for more information contact us by email or 403-277-8689

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.

Women's English & Social Group

Meet your Neighbours & 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



Tuxedo Park Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Tuxedo Park
 MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
January 2017	\$529,900	\$525,500
December 2016	\$749,950	\$702,500
November 2016	\$419,900	\$410,001
October 2016	\$589,000	\$580,000
September 2016	\$534,000	\$526,000
August 2016	\$555,900	\$530,000
July 2016	\$472,350	\$458,750
June 2016	\$479,900	\$467,500
May 2016	\$0	\$0
April 2016	\$439,900	\$433,000
March 2016	\$519,950	\$512,500
February 2016	\$759,900	\$727,500

Last 12 Months Tuxedo Park

MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
January 2017	5	4
December 2016	4	2
November 2016	2	5
October 2016	5	3
September 2016	8	1
August 2016	5	3
July 2016	6	8
June 2016	8	5
May 2016	9	0
April 2016	6	5
March 2016	5	2
February 2016	8	2

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit tuxedo_park.great-news.ca

MOUNT PLEASANT PLAYGROUP



REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

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During the year we hold a number of parties and events, which are all run by our parent volunteers. Face painting, bouncy castles, crafts and a visit from Santa are some of the activities the kids can enjoy at our parties.

We meet in the Lower Hall from 9:00 - 11:00 am and the program runs Monday to Friday. Visit the MPCA website, look for playgroup (under Our Community) and register to join us!

mpca.ca ▶ Our Community ▶ Playgroup

BRAIN GAMES SUDOKU

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For more info email: volunteer@tuxedoparkcommunity.ca

ON NEIGHBOUR DAY!
Saturday, June 17, 2017
9AM-4PM
@ Tuxedo Park Hall

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

We are often contacted by individuals concerned about loss of green space, such as linear parks, golf courses, and other connectors used as wildlife routes. People need the outdoors for healthy lifestyles. In a recent media interview, I was asked to describe what Nose Hill means to the quality of life in North Calgary. In addition to hiking, walking, and cycling, I thought of wildlife sighting and plant studies, especially in the spring. However, there are butterfly enthusiasts too. Nose Hill has been the subject of photography, for decades, and there are paintings of the park in different seasons.

The Citizens for Nose Hill was an early preservationist group. Two other Calgary parks (which had been recognized as property of City-wide significance) were recently re-designated as municipal historical resources, under Section 26 of the Alberta Historical Resources Act. The aim is to protect each site in perpetuity, since they are eligible for provincial grant funds, in order to support on-going conservation.

Confederation Park was once known as the rough and featureless North Hill Coulee. This Park was added to Calgary's inventory of evaluated historic resources, in 2010, based on the community effort to establish the park, on the centennial of Canadian Confederation. Harry Boothman, a Superintendent of Parks, and Eric Musg-

reave, founder of the Centennial Ravine Park Society in 1965, were influential in its 18th-century garden design. Boothman was a long-time supporter and board member of the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association. There is a bursary operated in his name.

William Reader, a garden designer, was a City Parks Superintendent from 1913 – 1942. Reader Rock Garden, established in 1914, was added to the inventory in 2007, with native plants, local materials, gardens and rock pathways. It reflects the optimism in our city's early 1900s. It was the first Legacy Park to open. (www.readerrock.com)

This bylaw protection is intended to prevent demolition but will pertain to the parks by ensuring any future changes or conservation work follow best practices in handling historical resources. The change has no impact on City operating or capital budgets.

However, the conservation of cultural landscapes can often have significant environmental benefits, as many have biodiversity being conserved as part of the landscape. In turn, their conservation contributes to biodiversity in Calgary.

There were letter of support for this designation from both the Calgary Parks Department and Calgary Heritage Authority.

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Here are some tips on how to foster social emotional development in a preschool child:

1. Help them give a name to their emotions. Big emotions can be scary; having a name helps calm the scary.
2. Play games that teach emotions and body language
3. Calmly talk to them about what is troubling them and discuss the problem.
4. Teaching family values and how to have a positive attitude.

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As natural learners, young readers are drawn to books that give information about something or explain something they've always wondered about. With a little help and guidance about 'how-to' read nonfiction, you can feel good about introducing your child to a new world of information and great new vocabulary words.

Explore these nonfiction books or ask your school or public librarian for other suggestions:

First Human Body Encyclopedia by DK Publishing

This beginner's encyclopedia shows what's inside the human body and how things fit and work together — through fascinating facts and close-up photographs. (Age 6 and up)

Frogs by Nic Bishop

Stunning color photographs of frogs as well interesting and quirky facts show how these beautiful, creatures survive in the wild. (Age 4-8)

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What's Your Excuse?

If you needed a life-saving organ or tissue transplant, would you expect our healthcare system to do everything possible to make that a reality and save your life? Of course you would.

However, the real reason you likely would not get that life-saving operation is because there is a shortage of organs in Canada ... well, not the organs, but the donors.

There are 4,600 Canadians in need of a transplant and hundreds of those will die this year waiting for a one. Shockingly, only 8% of adult Albertans are registered to donate their organs. (In Ontario, 29% are registered!)

We don't have a lack of healthy organs in Canada, but we do have shortage of people willing to donate them.

As one eight year-old girl recently said to me, "Why wouldn't you donate your organs? What are you going to do with them after you die?"

Is it fair not to offer your organs for donation, but expect others to donate to you if you need a transplant? That's a question only you can answer but I am a firm believer in the Golden Rule.

I will continue to encourage Canadians to register to be an organ donor. My proposed legislation would make registering to be a donor easier by allowing people to register as an organ donor through their tax return.

Research shows that 90% of Canadians support organ and tissue donation and yet only 24% have taken the time to register as donors. In real numbers, we have 2.84 million willing donors and the potential to increase that to 11.74 million.

Registering is only half the process, as you need to also discuss your wishes with your family. Sadly, many families overrule those wishes upon death. It is estimated that 10% of registered donors have their families veto their wishes. Imagine how many lives could have been saved.

It is critical that you discuss your intentions with your family and let them know you really do want to save another life when you have the opportunity. The life you save could end up saving theirs one day.

Registering is easy. Just visit www.lenwebber.ca/donate today and follow the link to the Alberta registry.

While some have legitimate reasons why they cannot donate, most simply have an excuse. What is yours?



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Hello Ward 9 Neighbours,

Businesses are integral to Great Neighbourhoods and it is my fundamental belief that great neighbourhoods are the most powerful tool we have to build a diversified economy. Additionally, on account of our industrial working landscapes, Ward 9 hosts Calgary's second largest economic engine behind the downtown.

Over the last few weeks, many of you have reached out to my office concerned about how the City of Calgary's revenue neutral tax policy has spread the pain of taxation across our local business community, as assessments in the downtown core have plummeted on account of historic vacancy levels; our non-residential tax base outside of the downtown having to pick up the tax slack has been exceptionally hard on Ward 9 businesses.

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the increases to non-residential property taxes and how we plan to help. At the end of January, City Council endorsed the Municipal Non-Residential Phased Tax Program (the PTP).

During the Mid-Cycle Adjustments in November 2016, City Council set aside \$15 million with the intention of shaving the peak off of the rising taxes that our small- and medium-sized businesses would be dealing with in 2017.

We quickly learned that defining what entities actually met a meaningful test for what constitutes a small- and medium-sized business was incredibly challenging, and in the face of this uncertainty, that \$15 million probably wouldn't be enough. Happily, on January 23, Council voted in favour of taking \$45 million from savings so we could broadly offer relief to all non-residential property tax payers.

The PTP will reduce taxes to a 5% increase for all non-residential accounts assessed. What this means is that, despite the increases pushed across the board due to lower downtown assessments, any business in Calgary facing an increase in the municipal portion of their non-residential property tax will not have to pay an increase of more than 5%.

On the whole, I'm very pleased that Council understands the challenges facing Calgarians right now, and that we've managed the City into a position where we're able to help. In total, Council has approved \$183 million in supports for Calgarians, which includes \$73 million in tax relief, \$66 million in user fees and utility rate freezes, \$9 million in targeted initiatives, and \$35 million in lower revenues absorbed by the City of Calgary through efficiencies.

I will continue to work on the behalf of my Ward 9 businesses, institutions, and residents.



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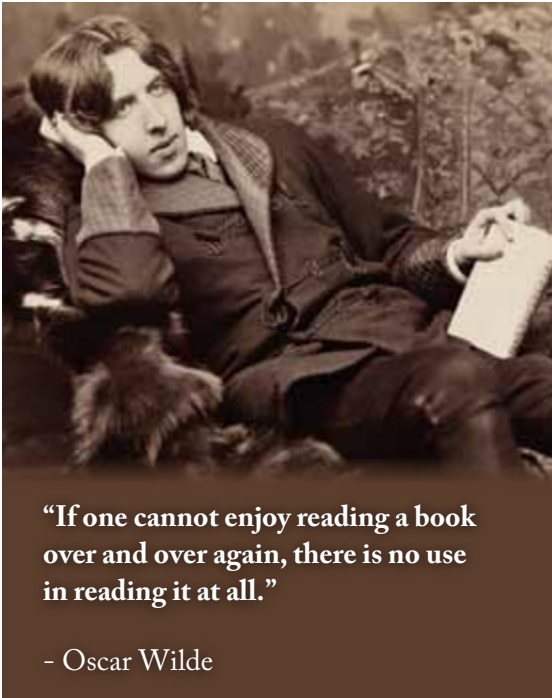
Hello Calgary-Klein,

Alberta's diversity is one of its greatest strengths. Alberta has always been a home to those seeking refuge, and this will not change. Refugees and immigrants to Canada enrich our society beyond measure, and make incredible contributions to our communities, our economy, and our thriving cultural fabric.

Alberta will welcome those fleeing persecution, terror and war with open arms because all people deserve to live in peace and security. My family and I feel incredibly fortunate to enjoy these things in Alberta. Our country was largely built by wave after wave of immigrants, who made new lives, sharing lands long home to Indigenous peoples. And so just as previous generations made their homes here thanks to the kindness of others, so too should we offer this same kindness to those starting new lives here. Hard work and a commitment to building strong and diverse communities have shaped this great province. As our economy recovers, let's work together to welcome newcomers and offer them care and opportunities to succeed.

Let's work together for a prosperous, diverse, and fairer Alberta.

Government goes back into session this month. Our office is happy to hear from you, and may be reached at calgary.klein@assembly.ab.ca or 403-216-5430. I'll be available for the next *Coffee with Craig* at the Velvet Café (502 25 Ave NW) on April 8th, from 9am-11am.



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- Oscar Wilde

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