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Last 12 Months Okotoks MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price	
February 2017	\$489,950	\$479,750	
January 2017	\$479,950	\$470,600	
December 2016	\$506,450	\$488,500	
November 2016	\$435,000	\$417,500	
October 2016	\$519,900	\$504,000	
September 2016	\$429,800	\$416,500	
August 2016	\$439,900	\$427,500	
July 2016	\$467,400	\$459,450	
June 2016	\$476,200	\$462,500	
May 2016	\$494,900	\$483,000	
April 2016	\$474,777	\$465,000	
March 2016	\$429,400	\$422,500	

Last 12 Months Okotoks MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	O I		
	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold	
February 2017	34	16	
January 2017	27	10	
December 2016	11	8	
November 2016	17	19	
October 2016	23	15	
September 2016	24	17	
August 2016	31	28	
July 2016	20	30	
June 2016	32	38	
May 2016	55	39	
April 2016	39	35	
March 2016	41	26	

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OKOTOKS CLUBS



Okotoks Newcomers Club

Ladies, are you new to Okotoks in the past three years? Looking for new friends? Monthly evening meeting, monthly lunch outing, walking, coffee, Mah-jongg, Bridge and Canasta groups. Call Trudy 587-364-2278.

April 4, May 2 and June 6.

OkotoksDayhomeProviders.com

OkotoksDayhomeProviders.com offers support to caregivers in the Foothills with the goal of a higher level of quality child care. We organize regular meetings, workshops and children's' events at the library, gymnastics, playgrounds and more. Families seeking care are welcome to contact us also.

It Takes a Village

Do you or someone you know need baby items for an upcoming baby? It Takes a Village offers baby boxes filled with essential baby items to families in the Foothills that are facing hardships. Please visit www. takesavillageokotoks.com for more information.

Okotoks Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)

Do you ever feel alone or overwhelmed as a parent? MOPS is a community of moms that offers friendship, support and learning opportunities for moms with young children. We get together over coffee and snacks (with free childcare) to build relationships and have fun! Visit facebook.com/okotoksmops or contact mops@okotoksefc.ca for meeting dates and times.



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The Town of Okotoks Volunteer Registry can help connect you to a person or non-profit organization that needs your help. Volunteers complete an application form, are interviewed and then connected with a volunteer opportunity that will fit in with their schedules and utilize their skills. There are many ways to be involved in the community. If you don't see a position under the Volunteer Opportunities section that interest you, call and we will find one to suit you.

Okotoks Volunteer Services can be reached at 403-938-8936 or via email at volunteer@okotoks.ca.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS	911	
Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre	403-253-5250	
Alberta Health Care	403-310-0000	
AHS Addictions Hotline	1-866-332-2322	
ATCO Gas – 24 Hour Emergency	403-245-7222	
Child Abuse Hotline	1-800-387-5437	
Kids Help Line	1-800-668-6868	
Child Safe Canada	403-202-5900	
Distress/Crisis Line	403-266-4357	
ENMAX – Power Trouble	403-514-6100	
Okotoks Municipal Enforcement	403-995-6302	
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Complaint Line (24 Hour)	403-938-8913	
Poison Centre - Alberta	1-800-332-1414	
RCMP Complaint Line (24 Hour)	403-938-4202	
HOSPITALS / URGENT CARE		
Alberta Children's Hospital	403-955-7211	
Foothills Hospital	403-944-1110	
Peter Lougheed Centre	403-943-4555	
Rockyview General Hospital	403-943-3000	
Rowan House Emergency Shelter	403-652-3311 or toll free	
(24 Hour)	1-855-652-3311	
Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre	403-955-6200	
South Calgary Urgent Care Health Centre	403-943-9300	
South Health Campus	403-956-1111	
OTHER		
SeniorConnect	403-266-6200	
Kerby Elder Abuse Line	403-705-3250	
Alberta One-Call Corporation	1-800-242-3447	
Social Service Info & Referral	211	
RNR Lockworks Ltd.	403-479-6161	
Road Conditions	511	
Weather Information	311	
Gamblers Anonymous	403-237-0654	

Rail Safety Concern in Okotoks

By Salem Woodrow, Canadian Pacific

Making sure the communities in which we live are safe is a priority for many people, especially police officers. For Constable Rupert Sutherland with Canadian Pacific Police Service (CPPS), who lives and works in Okotoks, his safety concerns focus on public rail safety.

When he received the December issue of *Your Okotoks* he was disappointed to see that the feature story included photos of a family walking on the railway tracks near the railway bridge that crosses the Sheep River. This activity is not only illegal, it is also extremely dangerous. Clearly seen in the photo is a large sign with the word "DANGER" and a "Restricted Access" symbol. On these signs that are placed across railway property all over Canada, are details confirming that the property belongs to Canadian Pacific and movement on it constitutes trespassing.

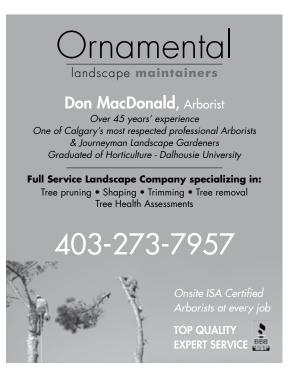
"Railway tracks are not an extension of a public pathway, nor are they a safe shortcut," said Cst. Sutherland.

Sadly, there are a large number of fatalities and serious incidents involving trespassers and trains each year. According to Transportation Safety Board statistics, in 2016 the number of trespasser incidents increased dramatically to 69 in 2016 from 50 in 2015 – a 38 percent increase - and that number doesn't include the many near misses that occur every day. If you are hit by a train, the chances you will survive are not in your favour. In 2016 more than half who were struck are now deceased. That is 46 people whose death could have been prevented.

CPPS members are frequently in Okotoks carrying out education and enforcement activities to make sure members of that community are safe. Furthermore, the police service frequently receives calls to the Sheep River bridge due to reports of people crossing it. It is not a pedestrian footbridge and anyone caught on it when a train comes could find themselves in serious danger of being injured or worse.

"Train crews report many near misses at this location," said Cst. Sutherland. "These incidents impact many people – including the locomotive engineer and conductor – and they are 100 per cent preventable. That is why we continue to educate people and communities about the importance of being rail safe."

April 24 – 30, 2017 is Rail Safety Week across Canada. For more information on rail safety and how you can be safe around railway tracks and property, go to operationlifesaver.ca and join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter.





Conducting an Effective Job Search

Workshop facilitated by McBride Career Group Inc.

No cost. To register, call the library at 403-938-2220.

Learn the best practices for developing iob search strategies and tips on how to make it less stressful.

Event Date: 2017 Mar 21 - 1:00pm -4:00pm

Tech Talk

Facilitated by the Literacy for Life Foun-

Register online at www.litforlife.com or phone 403-652-5090.

This fun, relaxed group looks at building everyday technology skills. We can help to get technology working for you! We supply laptops, but feel free to bring your own as well as tablets and smart phones. Group will explore a variety of topics in a relaxed, open environment where participants share and learn from each other through conversations.

Event Date: Tuesdays, March 21 – May 2; 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Conscious Aging Preview Class

Instructor: Colleen Lemire No cost. To register, call the library at 403-938-2220.

Join Colleen on Tuesday, March 21st from 7 - 8 pm at the Okotoks library for more information on this new and worthwhile course.

Conscious Aging is an interactive eight week course where participants explore and challenge their own beliefs about aging from the insights and research of current authors and experts in aging and elderhood and from each other's wisdom. This is done through presentation and small and large group discussion. Conscious Aging covers selfcompassion, forgiveness, surrender and more. This is for pre- and early retirees. mid-agers, and seniors who want to live more fully with open hearts, acceptance, peace, purpose, and optimism. *Required workbook is available at the first class for \$30.00.

Event Date: 2017 Mar 21 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Being An Executor – Legal Rights and Responsibilities

This video conference is presented by Lethbridge College's Public Legal Education Program. The program helps educate the public about law and the legal system by providing general education and information. (The program does not provide legal advice). The program is funded by a grant from the Alberta Law Foundation. Lethbridge College is a member of PLENA, the Public Legal Education Network of Alberta. The Okotoks Public Library is a local co-sponsor of this video conference.

Cost: \$5/participant. Pre-registration and payment is required in person at the library.

This presentation will provide an overview of the legal rights and responsibilities of an executor (also known as a personal representative) as that person:

- Generally administers the estate
- Pays the debts
- Distributes to beneficiaries
- Generally administers the estate Event Date: 2017 Mar 22 - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Buying a new computer - Apple/ Windows/ or...?

Ask the OkotoksComputers Geek. Seminar presented by OkotoksComputers. www.okotokscomputers.com

No cost. To register, call the library at 403-938-2220.

In the market for a new desktop or laptop? Not sure what to get, a Windows or a Mac? What about those ChromeBooks? What do all those acronyms mean, and is there really a difference between a \$500 and a \$1200 unit? This short interactive 45 minute talk about what to look for, and what to avoid when buying a new computer will help you making an informed decision about your next computer. Event Date: 2017 Mar 23 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Okotoks PUBLIC LIBRARY CONT'D

Computer Café

This program facilitated by the Literacy for Life Foundation.

Drop-in. No cost. Please call 403-652-5090 for more information.

This program is offered as a casual dropin environment where participants bring their own laptops or tablets. A facilitator is on hand to offer assistance on topics such as Windows 8, Social Media, Internet Security/browsing, Skype and managing photos and files. Please call 403-652-5090 for more information.

Event Date: Fridays, 10:30am - 12:30pm until June 02 2017

Plan to Published: It's time to Share Your Story!

No cost. To register, call the library at 403-938-2220.

Do you have an idea for a book but you don't know where to start? Have you already written a story but feel overwhelmed with the process? If it's time to make your book a reality, join Laurie Wright, author, speaker and educator as she shares her journey though the word of writing, editing, publishing and all the unforeseen in-betweens! Learn how you, too, can make your book a reality.

Event Date: 2017 Mar 25 - 10:30am -11:30am

Stay & Play for Grandparents and their Grandchildren

www.foothillsnetwork.ca

No cost. To register, call the library at 403-938-2220.

For grandparents and children under 6 years old. An opportunity to stay and play with your grandchildren. Come for a free morning of fun, crafts and games. An initiative of the Foothills Children's Wellness Network; Focus on Grandparents. Event Date: 2017 Mar 25 - 10:30am -12:00pm

Storvtime for Adults

No cost. To register, call the library at 403-938-2220.

Having a story read to you isn't just for kids anymore. Come & listen to short stories and poetry selections. After the reading, stay for a discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

Event Date: 2017 Mar 27 & Apr 24 -1:30pm - 2:30pm

La Leche League

Our group meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. We provide information and support for breastfeeding. We welcome everyone, especially pregnant women, new mothers, experienced mothers ...and their support systems! More information can be found at www.lllc.ca.

Event Date: 2017 Mar 28, Apr 25 - & May 23 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Divorce - Collaboration - Putting the Family/Children First

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Cost: \$5/participant. Pre-registration and payment is required in person at the library.

Divorce is difficult enough. Why add to the distress with a courtroom process that may not serve your interests? A Collaborative team of Divorce Specialists can help you and your spouse reach a customized, out-of-court settlement based on your priorities and your

children's needs. In this presentation, a Collaborative Lawyer, a financial professional and Child Specialist and/or other mental health professional will explain the collaborative process, the opportunities it affords to families, and the way you and your spouse can restructure the family and achieve a divorce that is built on the principles of respect and fairness. Event Date: 2017 Mar 29 - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Total Health through Rhythmic **Breathing (3SRB) & Refining Exercises** Class facilitated by Anina Brahmbhatt, Usui & Karuna Reiki Master, Healer & Independent Teacher. For more information visit www.reikihealinggrace. comhttp://www.reikihealinggrace.com/ No cost. To register, call the librry at 403-

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Event Date: 2017 Mar 31 - 10:30am - 12:00pm

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Okotoks PUBLIC LIBRARY



Juvenile & Teen Poetry Contest

Ages 6 – 17

April is National Poetry Month! Get your creative juices flowing....Okotoks Public Library is once again holding a poetry contest. Submit your poetry to us during the month of April and you could be the lucky winner of a great prize! Event Date: 2017 Apr 1 - Apr 30

Career Planning Online

Career & Employment Workshop Series Workshop facilitated by McBride Career Group Inc.

No cost. Limited space. To register, call the library at 403-938-2220.

Are you looking to change your career? Thinking about training or furthering your education?

This workshop will help you to: Identify suitable careers that match your interests and skills

Utilize the Career Cruising assessment tool Explore different career options Find links to education and training Event Date: 2017 Apr 4 - 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Ego: I --- Capital I

Class facilitated by Anjna Brahmbhatt, Usui & Karuna Reiki Master, Healer & Independent Teacher. For more information visit www.reikihealinggrace.com No cost. To register, call the library at 403-938-2220.

Let us understand ego. What is Ego? The shades of ego, Is it good or bad? How it jumps out from nowhere? How we can use it in a positive way. This will be an interactive program.

Event Date: 2017 Apr 6 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Infant sleep for Parents of Babies 3 to 12 Months of Age

Facilitated by Susan Hass BSN, R.N No cost. To register, call the library at 403-938-2220.

Learn about normal infant sleep, healthy

sleep habits and what you can do to help your baby learn to sleep. Babies are welcome in class but we can't accommodate toddlers. Limited space.

Event Date: 2017 Apr 7 - 10:30am - 12:30pm

Art Contest

Ages 8-17

Preregistration required. Complete contest rules and categories will be posted soon. Do you love being creative and making art? Enter our art contest to showcase your work, meet others who share your passion, and potentially win a prize! Participants are limited to one entry per person, in any format they choose. All contest entries must be original creations. Event Date: 2017 Apr 8 - 10:30am - 1:00pm

Group Healing

Class facilitated by Anjna Brahmbhatt, Usui & Karuna Reiki Master, Healer & Independent Teacher. For more information visit www.reikihealinggrace.com No cost. To register, call the library at 403-938-2220.

Know advantages of group healing and experience it-gain benefits of it. This special program has been developed after a long time practice of Reiki, Pranic Healing, Meditation and spiritual growth.

Event Date: 2017 Apr 11 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Easter Makerspace

Ages 6 - 17

Makerspace craft tables will be set up in the main part of the library so you can stop in and use your imagination to create something fun.

Event Date: 2017 Apr 17 - Apr 24

Getting to the bottom of it - Pelvic Floor Dysfunction in Women

Class facilitated by Leona Ham BSc. P.T, CATC, CAFCI, Pelvic Health physiotherapist Finishline Physiotherapy

No cost. To register, call the library at 403-938-2220.

Leona Ham is a Physical Therapist with 14 years' experience and additional education in women's pelvic floor function. Pelvic Floor Dysfunction can cause multiple symptoms, which may include pain, pressure or lack of Bowel and bladder control. If you have some of these symptoms or just have a curiosity please come out for a listen.

Event Date: 2017 Apr 20 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm

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You bought a new computer for \$900 but before you leave the store the bill adds up to more than \$1300. Softwares like MS Office, QuickBooks and Antivirus packages are pricey. But nobody tells you about alternatives like LibreOffice, GNUcash, or clamwin all available for free. In this talk Peter explains FOSS ¬ Free and Open Source Software. Why it is free, and what is available?

Event Date: 2017 Apr 20 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm

T.G.I.F. PD Day Movies

No cost. Drop-in.

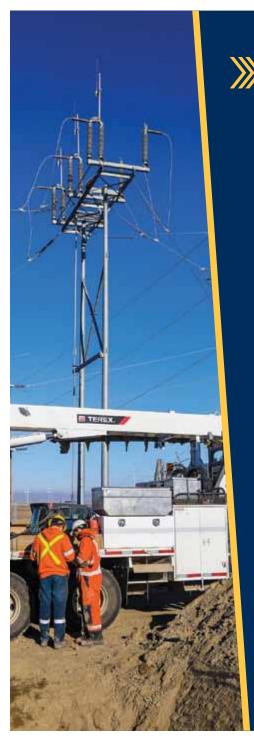
Drop into the library during the upcoming Friday school PD Days and enjoy some family movies. Bring your own peanut-free snacks and drinks. Youth under 7 years old need to be accompanied by a parent/quardian.

Song of the Sea(PG)will be shown on Friday, March 17th at 2:00 pm

Trolls(PG) will be shown on Friday, April 21st at 2:00 pm

Moana(G) will be shown on Friday, May 19th at 2:00 pm

Beauty and the Beast(PG) will be shown on Friday, June 22nd at 2:00 pm





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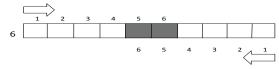
Pic-A-Pix Puzzles

The latest Japanese logic puzzle is here! A picture will evolve as you complete the puzzle. Start with the largest numbers or combination of, color in squares and proceed to work back and forth between columns and rows.

The 3 basic rules are:

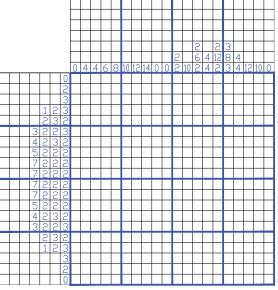
- Numbers represent how many squares you color in to form a group or block.
- Leave at least one square between these blocks.
- •The sequential order of the numbers is the order of the blocks, ie, top number for a column is the top block, and left-most number for a row is the left-most block.

The "logic count method" shown below will be very useful:



The clue at the left of row is 6, so count 6 squares from the left to right and then count 6 squares from right to left. Confidently shade in the overlapping squares. This is spatial reasoning. Even one shaded square can lead to others. This same method can be applied even when there is more than one number, remembering to allow one empty square in-between groups or block. Use a 2nd color for elimination of background squares, this is critical for solving. Remember - no guessing, try using your best number logic.

TURN IT LOUD



~Solution on pg 15~

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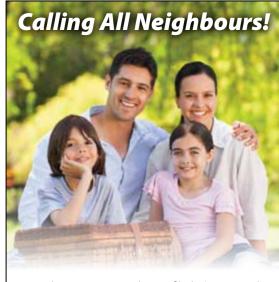
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- Welcome to Dr. Laura Huber who is now accepting patients in her family practice.

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Visit our website at www.thesundanceclinic.com

The Sundance Clinic

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To have your Family profiled (Story and Professional Pictures) in the next edition of this Community Newsletter, please send us an email to **OK@great-news.ca**

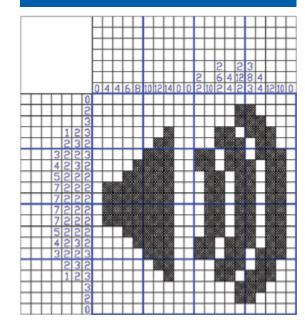


- ◆ Free announcements: lost/found, household items for sale, wanted, garage sale, student/senior services, etc.
- **♦** Forty word limit

ONLINE UNDER GROUPS IN FACEBOOK: we're called "Singles in Okotoks and Area Over 40!" What we do in the group is post memes, quotes, comments and we try and do Meet and Mingles every 2nd Saturday or Sunday of the month. We're there to meet new friends and maybe make a connection. We have a lot of fun and a lot of laughs!



Pic-A-Pix Solution



Okotoks my babysitter list

Age Contact

wame	Age	Contact	Course
Kadence	12	403-512-1446	Yes
Holly	12	403-702-4511	Yes
Genevieve	12	403-982-6798	Yes
Ethan	12	403-401-4551	Yes
Tristan	13	403-601-0934	Yes
Reeve	13	403-938-2712	Yes
Carter	13	403-620-8624	Yes
Mackenzie	14	403-988-0955	Yes
Amara	14	403-498-6696	Yes
Dasha	14	587-364-1021	Yes
Tristin	14	403-926-9165	Yes
Nikki	14	403-618-0074	Yes
Travis	14	403-464-9036	Yes
Piers	15	403-938-4312	Yes
Dylan	15	403-995-2540	Yes
Athena	15	403-487-1191	Yes
Taylor	15	403-992-9189	Yes
Darby	15	403-939-1013	Yes
Cassidy	15	403-305-0629	Yes
Shelby	15	403-995-3734	Yes
Paityn	15	403-995-9489	Yes
Olivia	15	403-336-3490	Yes
Aaron	15	403-400-1733	No
Holly	16	403-938-8130	Yes
Madison	16	403-668-4561	Yes
Natalie	16	403-992-4086	Yes
Scott	16	587-577-8777	Yes
Shahara	17	403-922-5416	Yes
Sam	18	403-938-4312	Yes
Julia	18	403-464-4074	Yes
Carissa	19	780-380-1783	Yes
Belle	21	403-862-5300	Yes
Taylor	23	587-580-5665	Yes
Deidra	29	587-582-0400	Yes
Annette	47	403-938-1068	Yes

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