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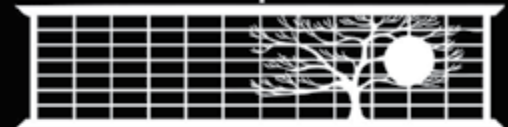
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UPPER LEVEL BANQUET ROOMS						
Grande Hall A & B (1,628 sq ft)	85 - Dinner 100 - Theatre	\$50.00	\$45.00	\$425.00	<i>Not available</i>	\$500.00
A (1,162 sq ft)	60 - Dinner 70 - Theatre	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$325.00	<i>Not available</i>	\$500.00
B (466 sq ft)	25 - Dinner 30 - Theatre	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$225.00	\$150.00	\$500.00
LOWER LEVEL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS						
Multipurpose A & B (591 sq ft)	35 - Dinner 45 - Theatre	\$30.00	\$25.00	<i>Full day bookings not available due to registered and drop in programs.</i>		\$500.00
A (276 sq ft)	15 - Dinner 20 - Theatre	\$20.00	\$15.00			\$500.00
B (315 sq ft)	20 - Dinner 25 - Theatre	\$25.00	\$20.00			\$500.00
GYMNASIUM						
Full Gymnasium (5,345 sq ft)	200 - Standing	\$55.00	\$50.00	<i>Full day bookings not available due to registered and drop in programs.</i>		\$500.00
1/2 Gymnasium (2,673 sq ft)	100 - Standing	\$35.00	\$30.00			\$500.00
PICNIC SHELTER						
3 Available	Up to 30 Non Resident Guests	\$15.00	\$15.00	<i>Maximum 3 hour rental on all picnic shelters.</i>		

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AUBURN BAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



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Auburn House Spring Programs

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- Emergency First Aid and Youth Red Cross Safety Programs
- Yoga
- Boot Camp
- Step & Sculpt
- 30 minute classes
- Parented programs
- Strollersize
- Tennis Lessons
- Bricks 4 Kidz
- Youth Basketball
- Multi Sport
- Youth Art
- Zumba Kids and Zumba for Tweens
- Kung Fu
- Plus many more!



View the full Spring Program Guide & Events Calendar online at AuburnBay-connect.com. Register online 24/7 at AuburnBay-connect.com. Walk-in and phone registration available – call 403-537-2605 or 403-537-2606.

Auburn House Drop-In Program Passes

Get yours today and add some flexibility to your fitness schedule. Drop-in passes are available for select adult programs at Auburn House!



A Closer Look At VOLATILITY

Kevin O'Hagan, PFP, FMA, CIW



If you're an investor, you know the impact that volatility can have on your portfolio. Ups and downs in financial markets, individual securities and even mutual funds can have you smiling one day, worried the next.

However, it is possible to manage volatility so price fluctuations won't be such a concern. When you understand volatility and how it works, you can take steps to manage its impact.

Volatility is important because it is a measure of risk and potential reward. It is the tendency of securities to rise and fall over a short period. Large swings equal high volatility. More moderate swings represent lower volatility.

The higher the volatility, the greater the potential for short-term returns and the greater the risk that your investment will decline in value over a short period. If you have the potential to make a lot of money you often have the potential to lose a lot as well. Less volatile investments may not have the same potential for windfall profits, but they usually don't have the same degree of downside risk.

You can gauge the volatility of an investment by examining its price history. For example, if a stock has a tendency to fluctuate considerably over a short time, it is volatile. This is especially the case if the price movements are out of sync with the market. While you might expect stocks to move up and down with general market conditions, a volatile stock will often fluctuate even in times of generally stable markets.

A low-volatility stock will vary in price much less. Its price moves may be more gradual, and it may even move in tandem with a market index most of the time.

Should you be concerned about the volatility of an investment? If you want to assess potential risk before investing for the short term, the answer is yes. If you're willing to take on more risk to earn potentially higher returns, more volatile investments might be suitable for your portfolio. If you want low volatility, with the tradeoff of lower returns potential, look for lower volatility investments.

You should also be concerned about the overall volatility of your portfolio—in other words, how much the value of your portfolio fluctuates and over what period of time.

This is easily managed by ensuring your portfolio is well diversified. Hold individual investments that vary in their degree of volatility, as well as including all major asset classes in your portfolio. Individual asset classes don't always move in tandem, and they seldom fluctuate to the same degree at the same time.

You can also reduce volatility worries by focusing on the long-term. With a longer investment horizon, temporary fluctuations don't matter as much. You reduce volatility risk and take advantage of the fact that over the long-term, the direction of markets is generally up.

You can even take advantage of volatility to enhance returns. If you invest at regular intervals-through a periodic investment plan, for instance-volatility can work in your favour because your regular investment amount will buy more when prices dip. This technique is known as "dollar cost averaging," and it can lower your cost of investing.

Ask your financial advisor for help in assessing and managing the volatility of your portfolio.



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The Spring Program Guide is available now! www.cranston-connect.com.

Spring Break Camps at Century Hall

Spring Fling Day Camp (6-12yrs)
Monday, March 21 - Thursday, March 26, 2016
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Resident: \$120.00/child
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Family Movie Nights at Century Hall

Enjoy a family movie night, at Century Hall every third Friday of the month from 7-9pm, for the low cost of \$5/family! This price includes admission, drinks, and popcorn for your entire family! You can't beat that price for a family night out! Movie selections will be advertised every month on our website: www.cranston-connect.com. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you here!
March Movie Night – March 18, 7:00PM – 9:00PM
Thank you Cedarglen Homes for their ongoing support of this monthly event!

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Drop-In Story Time & Book Truck (0-5 yrs):

Hosted in partnership with Calgary Public Library you are invited to come and spend time with other parents and children while participating in a 30 minute story time. You can also use this opportunity to sign our and exchange books from the library. The Book Truck will be available from 10:00AM – 12:00PM with story time at 10:30AM. Thursdays: March 3 and 17

Drop-In Craft & Play Time (0-5yrs):

New to Wednesday mornings, this unstructured and unsupervised craft time is perfect for parents and guardians to bring their little ones out to meet new friends and get creative. Using a variety of craft supplies, you are able to create to your hearts content. Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2016, 9:30AM – 11:30AM. Fee: \$2.00/visit

Adult Card and Social Afternoon:

Wednesdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 2016, 9:30AM – 11:30AM. Fee: \$2.00/visit. Are you at home during the day and looking for a way to meet new people in the community? If so, join us at Century Hall every Wednesday to enjoy coffee, tea, snacks, games and great company! We look forward to seeing you soon.



Drop-In to Century Hall

Come spend the day with us! With a great selection of activities, bring your family for a day of play. Whether you're outside on the rink or inside in the gym, we've got something for everyone! View all skating and gym schedules by heading to our website www.cranston-connect.com.

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Shannon	24	403-614-2570	Yes
Sheree	27	403-422-0740	No
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A pangram sentence is one that contains every letter in the language.

For example, the sentence, "The quick, brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" is a pangram.

IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

Sundance School

As we look back on February at Sundance, it was a month full of fun and exciting things. All the students participated in a dance program with KMotion. We also celebrated French culture throughout the school with our Carnaval. There were various activities for the students during the week to learn a bit more about French culture. The grand finale was our annual carnaval at Lake Sundance for all our Sundance families. There was skating, sledding and a visit from Bonhomme! Thank you to all the parents who help make this a great success.

In March our K-2 students will take skating lessons; Grade 3 has a field trip to the Leighton Centre; MuseoK-its about Canada's Fur Trade will make their way through the Grade 3-6 classrooms; and the Grade 6 Regular Program students will tour MidSun school. Mid March we will have Hat Day at school. For a donation to the Children's hospital, students will be allowed to wear hats in school.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be on Thursday March 17 in the evening and during the day on Friday March 18 (no school). March Break begins Monday the 21. Classes resume after Easter on Tuesday March 29.



Lenten activities underway at École St. Cecilia School

For our Lenten activity this year, our school community is supporting Habitat for Humanity through a variety of activities culminating in an Art Evening to raise funds. The Lenten period leads up to March 24 when students will celebrate the Stations of the Cross.

Our grade 5 and 6 students will enjoy skiing and snowboarding lessons in March at Winsport while our grade 2 students will visit the Glenbow Museum to learn about Calgary's history.

The activities will wind down for Spring Break which begins on March 24 at noon.



Fostering Friendship with The McINTYRE ROYSTON FAMILY

Photos by Sheri MacDonald at Footloose Photography

"Who are the McIntyre Royston's?" you might ask.

They are a family of five: Christine, Paul, Avery (6), Adelaide (4) and Arleigh (2). When I first met them, they immediately radiated warmth and I immediately felt comfortable with them. I loved how real, open and honest they were and hope you enjoy getting to know them as much as I know I did!

The McIntyre Royston's have lived in Auburn Bay since 2014, when they moved from Renfrew. Although they liked the inner city, Christine says they were "looking for more space and more children for the kids to play with in our neighbourhood". Now that Auburn Bay is home, they "love the lake and the beach, as well as the quick access to the highways to get anywhere else we need to go". They also love the people in Auburn Bay and say that "It feels like every house has kids and that adds a great vibrancy to the neighbourhood. We have made some strong friends very quickly. There seems to be a strong sense of community in Auburn Bay as well. With various community groups like the community association and the Auburn Bay Angels, there are plenty of opportunities to get out and meet people".



the three girls and has recently worked as a fundraising consultant and grant writer. Their employment ambitions are "doing something we love at all times!"

Christine enjoys cooking and baking. They both enjoy cycling a lot and have enjoyed introducing that to the girls. In October of 2015, together they launched the FAT Project (Food Addict to Triathlete) which is publicly documenting Paul's journey from a 417.5 lb man to the completion of an Olympic distance triathlon after three years! What an inspiration! (Visit www.fatproject.ca to learn more.)

Both Paul and Christine enjoy exploring the province and love heading to the mountains for short hikes. There are so many things to see and do and they are glad that their kids like to discover Alberta's history, culture and landscape as much as they do.

Avery is in Grade 1 in French-immersion. She loves singing and is currently enjoying the Musical Theatre class at Auburn House. Adelaide attends the Common Digs

Forest Pre-school at Red Deer Lake Community Centre where her class spends most of their time outside learning and exploring. Both girls have played community soccer in Auburn Bay and take swimming lessons. Arleigh can't wait to join them.

The girls love dancing and playing with Lego (they have a room in the basement dedicated to it). Avery and Adelaide both love riding their bikes. Last summer Avery and Adelaide completed a bike race and the girls worked up to longer distances and finished the fall with a ride from Banff to Canmore. Christine coached the older girls in Foothills Soccer last summer. Arleigh is just beginning to figure out what she likes – usually it is whatever her older sisters are doing!

Paul remembers that "My wife and I were introduced by a mutual friend by email. We started talking and hit it off – a few months later we were engaged. Christine had lived in university with our friend and I worked with her for a year. Christine and I had actually unknowingly worked the exact same job in the same town just one



Christine grew up in a small town in the Niagara Region in Ontario and spent time in Ottawa, Toronto and New Brunswick before settling in Calgary. Paul grew up in both Victoria and Kitchener and they moved here together for Paul's work at the Library. Christine has one sister and Paul grew up as an only child.

Christine completed her Bachelor of Communications at the University of Ottawa and her Bachelor of Social Work from St. Thomas University. Paul has his Bachelor of Mathematics from the University of Waterloo.

Paul is currently the CEO of the Calgary Public Library Foundation and the Director, External Relations at the Calgary Public Library. He is leading the largest fundraising campaign for a Library in Canadian History (\$350,000,000) and leading the Marketing and Communications portfolio at the Library. He has been with the Library and Foundation since 2011 and was delighted to be named one of Avenue Magazine's Top 40 under 40 for 2015! Christine is a full-time mom to



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year apart as Project Leaders for the Katimavik Youth Program. We celebrated our 10th anniversary on New Years Eve 2015 – we got married in the Victoria Park Pavilion in Kitchener Ontario. I would say that was a pretty successful introduction, Paul! Congratulations to both of you!

The family loves to get into the minivan and go. Whether it is using the Canada or Alberta Parks Passes or their 12 day, 6000 km trip down to Disneyland and Legoland last year, their family is always ready for an adventure. For 2016, they will be heading to Victoria for Paul's 20 year high school reunion as well as lots of trips to the mountains and parks of Alberta. The family currently has a lot of stuffed animals instead of a pet and Paul says "with three kids and a love of daytrips, we haven't yet taken the plunge!"

Christine and Paul say their "neighbours are lovely people who are willing to lend a hand or a cup of sugar" and that they "feel lucky to live around such good people". They have made lasting friends in Auburn Bay and think it was pretty easy! The family will likely live in Auburn Bay for quite a while. They really do enjoy Auburn Bay and won't be moving to a different community while they live in Calgary. Having said that, they are thankful that the schools and some walkable amenities are being built in the next 12 to 18 months!



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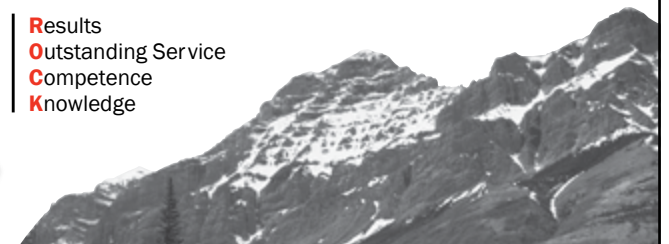
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See our program guide at www.ahs.ca/shcwellness. Some of our FREE upcoming programs are highlighted below

HeartMath

March 28, 6:00-8:30pm

Relieve stress anytime, anywhere. In this course you will learn a simple system of tools and techniques that can help you build emotional resilience, reduce stress, develop better problem-solving abilities, improve sleep, and increase mental clarity.

Sleep: Dr. Michael Specca

March 23, 7:00-9:00pm

Practical strategies, blended with the latest clinical research in this area, will offer you one of the most effective healing strategies, a good night's sleep. Dr. Specca will review facts about sleep and present an overview of the gold standard treatment for insomnia.

Living Well with Diabetes

March 30, 6:30-7:30pm

Intended for people who want to refresh their knowledge on self-management of diabetes. Topics include: tips for managing diabetes and living a healthier active lifestyle, taking care of your feet and managing high and low blood sugars.

Making Home Safer for Seniors

March 9, 7:00-8:30pm

This program provides a home safety checklist to ensure an older adult's home is safe from the pitfalls that could put them at risk for falls and injuries.

Nutrition for New Moms

March 16, 9:00-10:30am

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tions about nutrition and breastfeeding? Facilitated by our SHC Women's Health Clinic Registered Dietitian.

Overview & Updates for HPV

March 23, 6:30-8:30pm

HPV is one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases. There are a number of vaccines to help protect women by preventing some of these infections. Are you trying to make a decision about a vaccine for yourself or your daughter? The symptoms, health risks, prevention and protection will be discussed in this workshop.

Most programs require registration. Please see our full program guide and learn how to register at www.ahs.ca/shcwellness or call us at 403-956-3939.

Relocation of Midnapore Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

You can take household hazardous waste, such as cleaners, paint and oil, to any of The City's landfill Throw 'n' Go areas or designated fire stations with special storage depots.

Due to construction of the interchange along 162 Avenue and Sun Valley Blvd. S.E. the household hazardous waste drop-off at Midnapore Fire Station 26 will be relocated effective March 1, 2016 to:

Evergreen Fire Station 37

2511 Eversyde Avenue S.W.

The Midnapore household hazardous waste drop-off will remain closed until early 2018.

Other household hazardous waste drop-offs in the south include:

Shepard Landfill - 68 Street and 114 Avenue S.E.

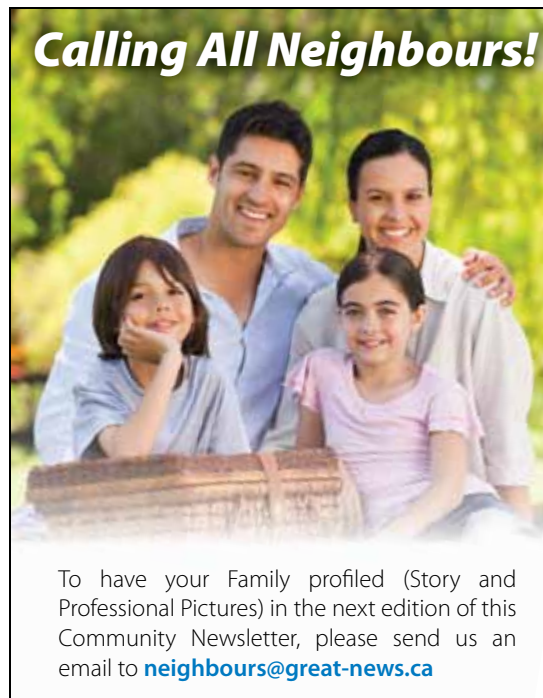
Cedarbrae Fire Station 24 - 2607 - 106 Avenue S.W.

Fire stations are open for drop-off seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Before you drop off materials, make sure they are stored, labelled and sealed properly. These household hazardous waste materials can pose a danger to our workers, your family, your pets, your neighbourhood and the environment.

For more information, visit calgary.ca/waste.

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• Friday May 13 - 9am - 9pm

Author reading 7pm

• Saturday May 14 - 9am - 9pm

Back by popular demand! Shop to the musical sounds of **Midnight Blue** with cash wine bar 7 - 9pm.

• Sunday May 15 - 9am - 1pm

Other special activities during the Big Book Sale will be announced on our website as they confirm: calgaryreads.com.

Donate books: We welcome donation of adult and children books for the book sale! (We do not accept encyclopaedias, text books, Harlequin Romances, Readers' Digests, book tapes, VHS, cassettes, 8-tracks or magazines.)

Book collection locations, dates and times:

At **Calgary Food Bank**, 5000, 11th Street SE, Calgary:

- Monday to Thursday April 25 to 28 - drop off at Door #3 from 8:30am - 7pm
- Friday, April 29 - drop off at Door #3 from 8:30am - 3:30pm

At **Calgary Curling Club**, 720 3rd St. NW, Calgary:

- Thursday to Sunday May 3 to May 6 from 9am - 7pm sharp
- Monday and Tuesday May 7 and 8 from 9am - 4 pm sharp

At *Calgary Reads* we build connections, strengthen networks, champion, involve and innovate—because we ALL have a role to play in creating a thriving community where all children can read with confidence and joy! Learn more: Calgaryreads.com.



Residents of partnered communities' pay 20% less for memberships than those who reside outside partnered communities. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see www.tricocentre.ca to find out more.

March at Trico Centre

Trico Centre for Family Wellness is a non-profit, community-owned and operated recreation facility. Our memberships are affordable and our programs are family-friendly. With a membership, you can work out in the fitness centre, take more than 70-drop-in fitness classes a week, use the gymnasium, swim, skate, or play shinny, plus you get 20% off our fun, active registered programs.

Residents of communities partnered with Trico Centre (yours!) pay 20% less for a Trico Centre membership with presentation of a community association membership or payment of the Community Support Fee (which is sent to your community association.)

Pool Refurbishment

After 33 years in operation, Trico Centre's Aquatics Centre is undergoing a major refurbishment. This project will address lifecycle issues, improve health and safety components, and take the Aquatics Centre into the next 10 to 15 years. **The Aquatics Centre including pool, hot tub, and slide will be CLOSED starting February 19.** Trico Centre is very excited about the new enhancements and can't wait to share the progress with you. We will be hosting a pool grand opening, so watch for details.

Price Freeze

Recession-busting price freeze in effect at Trico Centre on memberships, admissions, and program fees. No increase until September 2016.

Adults

• More than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week. Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members. See the Drop-In Fitness schedule at www.tricocentre.ca under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.

• Foam Roller Workshop: March 5 from 1-2:30pm Members \$23, non-members \$30.

Older Adults

• Many of the more than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week are specifically designed for older adults: Check out Be Fit Age Well, Fit 'n Fab, and our numerous yoga options. Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members. See the Drop-In Fitness schedule at www.tricocentre.ca under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.

• Drop-in Pickleball is offered several times a week. Check out the Drop-In Gym schedule (available on the website or at Guest Services.) Free for members or drop-in fee for non-members.

Families, Children & Youth

• Spring Break Day Camps: Half and full-day daily camps for 6-12 yrs from March 21 to 24 and March 28 to April 1. Plus weekly camps from March 21-24: Little Springer (4-5 yrs); Adventure Spring Break Camps (6-12 yrs.)

• Check out the Drop-In Gym schedule for drop-in gym, Drop-In Playtime, Drop-In Gymnastics, youth drop-in gym, and more. See the Drop-In Arena schedule for lots of cool activities including leisure skate, adult shinny, youth shinny, women's shinny, and stick & puck.



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Degrees of burn

1°: Affects only the top layers of the skin; appears red like a sun burn; discomfort is generally tolerable;

2°: Deeper and much more painful than 1° burns; broken skin or blisters commonly develop;

3°: Severe: the deepest layers of skin and tissue are injured; may appear charred or leathery.

First Aid for burns

- Skin may continue to burn if not aggressively cooled. Immediately douse burns with large amounts of cold water.
- Cover the burn with a sterile dressing, or any clean material to protect from infection;
- Over the counter medications may be used for pain. Adhere to directions given on the label;
- Seek further medical attention, as required.

Prevention of burns

- Check the temperature of your hot water tank. Temperatures as high as 60°C / 140°F will scald a child in just seconds;
- Use placemats instead of tablecloths. Tablecloths can be yanked downward causing hot drinks, or food to spill on a child;
- Turn pot handles to the back of the stove and ensure cords from kettles, slow cookers, and other electrical appliances cannot be reached;
- Avoid picking up a child while holding any hot liquids;
- Ensure electrical outlets are made secure by installing commercially available safety devices which prohibit access;
- If able, have children avoid the kitchen area while appliances are operational.
- If you require immediate medical attention, call 9-1-1.

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Learn more about your Calgary Catholic School District Board of Trustees!

The month of March means the start of spring and a time of renewal during our Lenten season. Here at Calgary Catholic, spring brings a focus on our annual budget. While the budget process happens throughout the year and is a standing item at every Calgary Catholic Board Meeting, spring is a time when we begin to finalize details of our operating budget for the following year. Below are a few points about our process:

- The 2016-2017 District Operating Budget document will be a financial plan for the district for the fiscal year that runs from September 1, 2016 through to August 31, 2017.
- The district budget process begins early in the year and involves gathering essential financial information, consulting with stakeholders, making appropriate decisions on new and existing expenditures and ensuring staffing decisions are made as expeditiously as possible.
- Calgary Catholic utilizes software called Thought Exchange to engage our parents, staff and students on a large scale, so they are able to provide input on budget priorities. If you are a Catholic rate-payer that does not currently have children in the Catholic school system, you are encouraged to participate in the process by sending an email to thoughtexchange@ccsd.ab.ca.
- We are a people-focused organization and employ over 5,000 staff members. Eighty cents of every dollar we spend goes to salary and benefits. A further significant portion of our budget goes to fixed costs like contractors, insurance and utilities. We will be opening up to four new schools in 2016/2017 and up to six new schools in 2017/2018 and resourcing for those schools also needs to be included in this budget.
- The district budget is prepared by administration in accordance with board policies, linkage with district vision statements and provincial goals and in support of the district three-year plan.
- The Board of Trustees is involved at every stage of the process and ultimately approves the budget which will be submitted to the Minister of Education. Budget approval generally occurs in May or June every year. However, timing is dependent on when the government releases their budget.
- We always work to present a budget that is balanced and allows us to continue to provide the best possible teaching and learning environment for our students and staff.



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Louise Ridout, B.Sc. (Hon Math), M.S. (Stats)

I'm a math teacher and tutor. In my work, I see repeatedly, disappointing results from students – many currently in, or graduates of schools in Calgary -- who do not know how to do basic, simple math operations needed to be successful. I have seen students pick up a calculator to find the answer to 4x3. Parents – do you know the answer to that – without a calculator? The most valuable skill that students are missing is knowledge of the multiplication tables. Without having a solid grasp of the multiplication tables, students cannot understand relationships between numbers, and are unable to easily do many midlevel math questions. I regularly see their frustration at not being able to do these problems....

while at the same time maintaining a **stubborn refusal** to memorize the multiplication tables!

Students who succeed in math at the high school level do much better in every university class they take. They have the tools to succeed and surpass others to get the highest level jobs and excel at them. 90% of the highest paying jobs require math. The kind of logical and analytical thinking that is required to make good decisions, no matter what field we are working in, is learned as we study and do math problems!

The best way to have your children succeed in high school math classes is to make sure they learn the multiplication tables so well when they are young that they are second nature to them.

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Creating welcoming, caring, safe learning environments for all

At the Calgary Board of Education, we work together every day to create welcoming, safe, caring and respectful school communities where each and every student feels a sense of belonging. When students feel that they belong, it encourages them to stay in school, to learn and to succeed.

Our schools welcome students and families from every background and from all over the world, and we foster healthy and respectful relationships where diversity is celebrated. Students, staff and school communities share the responsibility of cultivating environments that welcome everyone and provide opportunities to thrive in life and learning. This includes ensuring we create safe, caring environments for gender and sexual minority youth.

This responsibility is reflected in our mission, in our Results policies and Three-Year Education Plan. It is also expressed in law, in the School Act and Alberta Human Rights Act.

Alberta Education recently released guidelines to ensure school boards create learning environments that specifically respect diverse sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. All school boards have been asked to use these best practices to develop or update their own policies, regulations and procedures related to creating these learning environments.

The provincial guidelines are aligned with many of the practices already in place in CBE schools to protect and care for all students. The CBE is working on developing its own guidelines, which must be completed by the end of March, 2016.

We recognize the important role all of us play in providing these safe, inclusive environments where all students can thrive.

More information can be found on our website, www.cbe.ab.ca under About Us, School Culture & Environment.



Where Will Boomers Live?

Carla Berezowski, CAPS

Numerous studies indicate, including a recent one by Harvard Joint Centre for Housing Studies (www.jchs.harvard.edu) and AARP, over 90% seniors want to live in their own homes. They already own their homes, are comfortable there, and are familiar with the neighbourhood people and services. This is also the most economical option for receiving care as well as taking advantage of family/friends supports and informal care. Also, we can't afford to build enough 'senior housing' for everyone and most people don't want to live their anyhow! Harvard concluded that long-term care at home is the best strategy for the vast majority of seniors.

That being said, we are still faced with major barriers to a long-term care at home strategy. Namely, our homes are not designed to accommodate disability or care, we have too few caregivers, and critical connections such as healthcare, shopping, transportation are not designed to support this.

Planning for our homes to accommodate the challenges associated with a long term care at home strategy is

something that we can start immediately. Planning will enable you to start saving for potential renovations and upgrades to things like lighting, flooring, and bathrooms and kitchens. It also enables a staged approach to these upgrades so you can better manage costs and requirements.

If you are past the long-term planning stage and are already aging-in-place it is not too late to make some simple changes to make your home more safe, comfortable and suitable to accommodate a long term care at home strategy. Updated lighting, fresh, bright paint with contrasting switch-plates, replacing door knobs with levers, as well as applying non-slip treatments to your current floors in wet areas are great ways to start making your home ready to support a long term care at home strategy.

Figure out where you want to live as you age. If you are like 90% of the population over 50, it will be in your current home. Then make a plan to prepare your home for the long-term care at home strategy. If you need help, call a professional – you will still save money and be happier!



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- **April 1 - Taste of Bragg Creek:** Taste of Bragg Creek returns for its fourth year and showcases some of the best that local restaurateurs, caterers and food and liquor merchants have to offer. www.tasteofbraggcreek.ca
- **April 6 - Video Games Live: Bonus Round!** This concert is a combination of synchronized lights, lasers, video clips and live music from some of the world's most popular games performed by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. www.calgaryphil.com
- **April 6 to 17 - Canmore Uncorked:** This mountain food and drink festival is 12 full days of special set-price menus, cooking classes, progressive dinners and cooking events. www.tourismcanmore.com
- **April 11 to 13 - Dance at Noon:** The junior students in the University of Calgary Dance program's choreography and performance concentration showcase their original compositional work. www.scpa.ucalgary.ca
- **April 11 to 17 - Calgary Underground Film Festival:** The festival has been carefully programmed to include thought-provoking, entertaining and sometimes obscure movies of all genres that defy conventions. www.calgaryundergroundfilm.org
- **April 15 to 17 - Dreams of Broadway:** 26 performers and 31 hit Broadway songs collide in this inaugural production by Imagine Performing Arts! This whirlwind production will have you laughing, crying and dancing in your seat! www.musicandplay.ca
- **April 22 to 24 - The Adventures of Robin Hood:** Unleash your imagination and follow the adventures of a band of brothers looking to rob the rich to help the poor. www.vertigotheatre.com
- **April 26 to 29 - Annie:** The well-loved, family-friendly musical Annie is based on the popular comic strip Little Orphan Annie. It's a feel-good production with the same energy and warmth of the original. <http://calgary.broadway.com/>
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Caring For Your Elderly Pet



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If you can equate one year of aging in a person to seven in a dog, an annual examination for a pet is like you being seen every seven years by your doctor. Annual examinations are imperative and even bi-annual examinations may be recommended. Veterinarians discuss history, changes in food and water consumption as they examine your pet for masses, aches and pains, and anything that raises concern. This includes rotten painful teeth. Health care starts with the examination.

Diet is the cornerstone of any older pet’s health needs. An older pet has a slower metabolism and sleeps more. Don’t justify weight gain by saying “but treats are all he enjoys now”. An obese pet has difficulty moving, arthritic joints have to work harder, and stress is placed on all organs including the heart, lungs, liver, and kidneys. It’s easier if a pet is fit and not wheezing with exertion.

Switch a pet to a geriatric diet around 8 to 10 years of age in cats and small dogs, in large dogs earlier. Specific diets have been formulated for pets suffering from kidney, liver, and heart disease. Some diets are for joints and include products for enhanced mobility. There is even a diet to try and slow the progress of canine dementia.

Unlimited water is imperative in the elderly pet. Kidneys are fragile. If your pet begins to drink and urinate ex-

cessively this is an early symptom of many serious, but often treatable, geriatric diseases.

People use physiotherapy or try alternative therapies for aches and pains. These therapies are equally beneficial to our pets. Old bodies get relief with heat packs, massage, range of motion exercises, and physiotherapy. Acupuncture, cranio-sacral therapy, chiropractic medicine, and numerous herbal and homeopathic formulas are used successfully to treat old joints, muscles and bone. To this end remember five or 10 minutes gentle exercise three times daily is preferable to 40 minutes of intense exercise with fragile pets. Like you pets stiffen up and hurt! Older pets have a much reduced tolerance for heat and cold extremes.

Because they don’t exercise as much, some older cats and dogs tend to need their nails trimmed more often. Elderly pets find it more difficult to groom and may need more help. Cats may not be able to contort themselves to reach places on their backs and hind end and fur can become matted.

Older pets may become crankier if sore and maybe are more easily startled if their hearing and sight is failing. Try to make allowances, especially where children are involved, don’t startle or pounce on elderly pets.

There are many anti-inflammatory and painkillers now on the market for older dogs and cats to reduce pain. Older pets deserve a comfortable and gentle retirement, but if all of your best efforts can no longer maintain your friend in a comfortable state and there are many more sick painful days than not, knowing when to say goodbye is the least selfish thing you will ever do for an old loved companion.

Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.



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FREE tree education

The City of Calgary ReTree Program will be visiting your community this spring, offering **tree education programs** for you to learn tips to care for your trees.

At these events, you are also invited to give feedback about your community’s urban forest. Throughout the year, our teams will be back to plant City trees.

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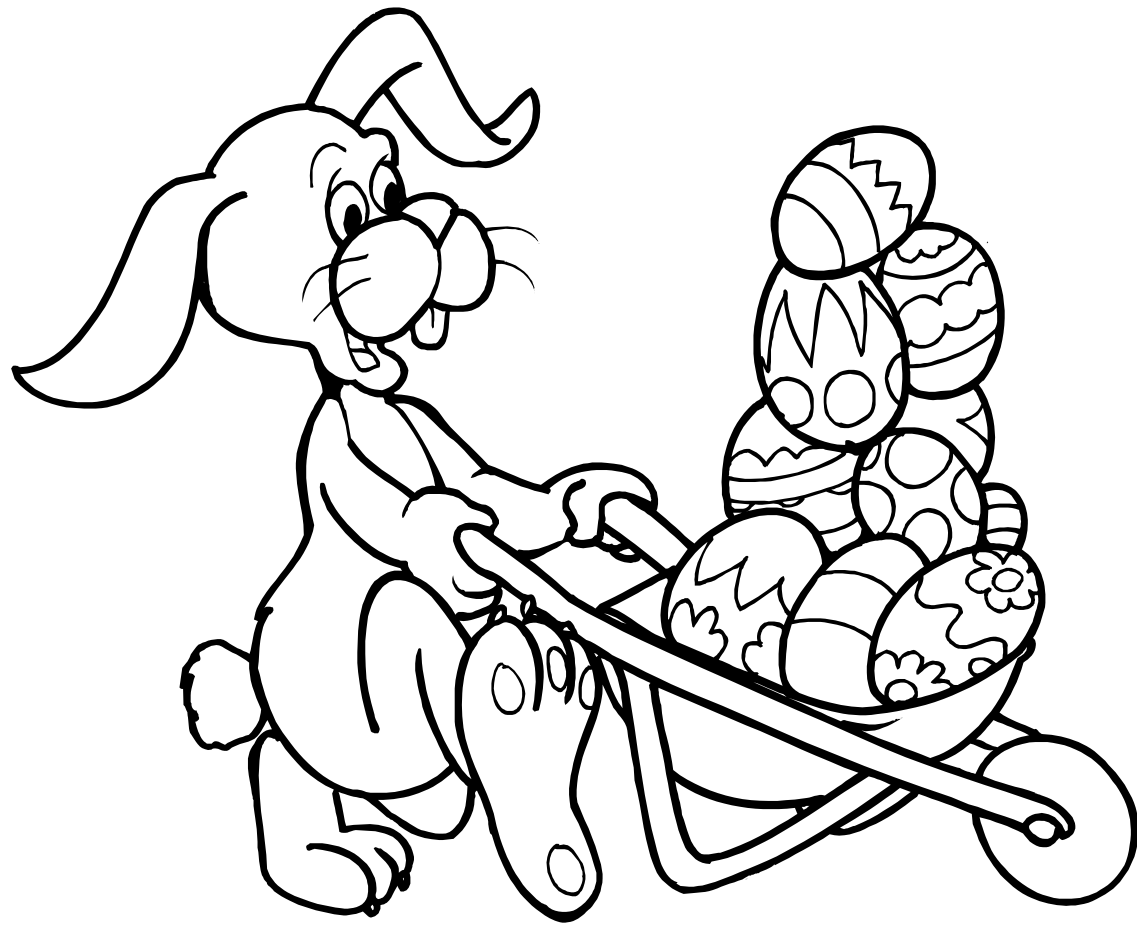


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At South Trail Chiropractic, we are on a mission to create the healthiest patients in Calgary. We want to empower you to take your health and that of your family into your own hands and start living to your fullest God given potential. Health promotion can be defined as anything you do that moves you toward better health. Chiropractic is a perfect example of this. All you have to do is look at the very basics of human physiology: 1) The human body is a self-healing, self-regulating organism (that means that your body was designed to heal and to know exactly how to respond to stresses placed upon it); 2) the nervous system is the master control system of the body (in order for you to self-heal, self-regulate or to do ANYTHING, your nervous system must be functioning well); 3) your spine was designed to protect the extremely important nervous system (it is essential to have a properly aligned and properly functioning spine in order for your nervous system to be properly protected); 4) Subluxations (misaligned vertebrae) interfere with the nervous system making it impossible for your body to heal and regulate itself properly. All this, regardless of symptoms!

This means that your nervous system keeps you alive and healthy. As long as your nervous system is functioning properly, you will get and stay healthy. Since it is your spine that keeps your nervous system protected, if your spine is healthy, your nervous system is healthy, which means...**YOU ARE HEALTHY!** Keeping your spine healthy by getting checked for and correcting subluxations on a regular basis is actually keeping YOU healthy. If your spine is unhealthy, you are unhealthy...whether you FEEL it or not. And I must stress here that you CAN have a subluxation and not feel it. In fact, most people you know have subluxations and cannot feel the effects of them for months or years later. Keeping your spine healthy now is much easier than waiting until it hurts later. There is a big difference between making you feel better and actually **CORRECTING** your spine. Correction takes **TIME!**

But it's not just Chiropractic that keeps you healthy. There are a plethora of long term, scientific studies that show a direct correlation between a healthy lifestyle (eating right, exercise, lowered stress, Chiropractic, and decreased toxicity) and prolonged life and the prevention of pain, illness, and disease. We hear it all the time from patients who ended up in a health crisis, "**why didn't I take better care of myself?**" You can spend a little now on health promotion or a lot later on disease treatment. Unfortunately, there are no "cures". Today, disease treatment is nothing more than "symptom management". Preventing disease is the only real answer.

So it pays to stay healthy! The healthiest and happiest people we know take the time and spend the money necessary to keep their bodies healthy and prevent disease. The current financial crisis was created due to the shortsightedness of many people. Unfortunately, we are also in the middle of a health crisis. Today, the healthiest people have a vision and take a long term approach to their health. They see the care of their body as something that needs to be taken seriously and done regularly if they are to stay healthy and have an above average quality of life for years to come. So you decide, are you going to be shortsighted and opt for pain relief only or are you going to grab a vision for your health that is long term and focused on health promotion? We are absolutely dedicated to helping you achieve all your dreams through regular Chiropractic care and teaching you about lifestyle choices that must be addressed if you are to live a long, happy, and healthy life.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Springtime in Fish Creek Provincial Park

www.friendsoffishcreek.org

Spring Birding Course

12 week Spring Birding Course starts Monday, March 28, 2016.

Increase Your Knowledge of Fascinating Bird Species as they Return from their Wintering Grounds and see them in their Local Habitats!

Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or expert, this course will help you to identify the newly arriving migrant birds, and allow you to become familiar with the valuable bird habitat near you. The course will take place outdoors (2.5 - 3 hours) within Fish Creek Provincial Park, where you will see birds in varied habitats, from the spruce forest of Shannon Terrace in the west to the open waters of the Bow River in the east - as well as other natural areas within Calgary. As a fundraiser for the Friends of Fish Creek, these courses will once again be conducted by volunteer instructor and lifelong naturalist Gus Yaki - and other knowledgeable and experienced volunteer instructors. Registration Required.

Fish Creek Speaker Series

Presentations will take place at the Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre at Shannon Terrace in Fish Creek Provincial Park. Registration Required. For more information visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/speaker-series

Sticks and Stones: Using Bioengineering to Improve Fish Habitat

Thursday, February 25, 2016 — 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Presented by Lesley Peterson (P.Biol) Provincial Biologist Trout Unlimited Canada

Top Dog: The Ecology, History and Survival of Gray Wolves in Kananaskis and Alberta

Thursday, March 24, 2016 — 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Presented by Melanie Percy, Regional Park Ecologist, Heritage Protection Team Lead

The topic of gray wolves (*Canis lupus*) elicits a spectrum of human responses that extend from passion and respect,

to fear and hatred. A subject of absolute fascination for many, wolves are a top predator native to Alberta and are often considered integral to the maintenance of ecological health. While few of us have actually seen wolves, their presence can be confirmed by paw prints on trails and by the occasional howl on a moon-lit night. This presentation will discuss aspects of wolf ecology, social behaviour, and research techniques, as well as some of the challenges that wolves face throughout Alberta and much of this continent. Melanie will highlight these topics with anecdotes and personal stories from her years studying wolves.

Fish Creek Community Fair

Would You Like to Volunteer in Fish Creek? The Friends of Fish Creek Need YOU!

Saturday, February 27, 2016 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre, Shannon Terrace, Fish Creek Provincial Park
(13931 Woodpath Rd. SW - Access via 130 Ave. SW and 37 St. SW)

Come to the 3rd annual Fish Creek Community Fair to learn about the amazing range of programs, courses, events and opportunities taking place in 2016. The ground may still be covered in snow, but Spring starts now in Fish Creek!

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March is Community Association Membership Awareness Month!

Did you know that Mayor Nenshi declares the month of March as Community Association Membership Awareness Month?

Did you also know that there are 150 community associations in Calgary that are run by your neighbours? In fact, more than 20,000 volunteers are involved in community associations here in Calgary, making it the LARGEST collective volunteer movement in the city!

Are you a member of your community association? If not, you are missing out on numerous benefits, including sizeable discounts at local businesses. Membership is extremely affordable with most community association memberships averaging under \$30 a year!

Throughout the month of March we encourage you to “be part of it” and find out what your community association can do for you! It’s easy and you may be surprised by the many benefits and options available to you as a resident.

Community associations are run by your neighbours, they bring residents together, they provide endless opportunities right in your backyard, and they act as a voice for your community. Most importantly, these hard-working volunteers are dedicated to making sure your community is a great place to live, work, and play. Purchasing a community association membership is a great way to get involved and show your support for the many ways your neighbours work to ensure you love where you live.

For example, this very community newsletter is just one of the many ways your community association works to keep you informed on events, topics and issues of interest close to home, written and compiled by your neighbours.

So take a minute during March Community Association Membership Awareness Month and find out more about your community association and how you can get involved!

READYCALGARY 2016

READYCALGARY is a **FREE** community preparedness program developed by the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) for the citizens of Calgary. It has been designed to inform, educate and build resiliency to the impacts of emergencies and disasters. Visit Calgary.ca/READYCALGARY for more information or to register today!

Program Structure:

This course, delivered in a workshop setting facilitated by CEMA, has been purposefully designed to reflect the diverse needs of its participants by dividing course material into two distinct sections:

- **Section 1:** Covers the fundamentals of emergency management (preparedness, response and recovery) particularly significant for individuals and families. As personal preparedness education and awareness is applicable to all, Section 1 is the foundation of this program.
- **Section 2:** Further develops on the material in Section 1 to reflect the needs and requirements of a whole community. This section is for individuals interested in further contributing to their neighbourhood and community.

2016 Session Dates:

- Program and registration details, as well as online versions of course materials, can be found at Calgary.ca/READYCALGARY
- The registration process is available online via 311 or email your preferred dates to CEMATraining@calgary.ca
- Participants must register for both Section 1 and Section 2 to complete the full program. Section 1 must be completed before Section 2, but participants may register for any available sections at their convenience (Sections do not need to be taken in the same month).
- Note that the registration deadline is 7 days prior to the session of choice.

Section 1: March 8 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

Section 2: March 22 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

Section 1: April 6 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

Section 2: April 20 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

Section 1: September 15 (17:30 - 20:30 at CEMA)

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Bobcats in the City

If you live or walk near the lower Elbow River you may have noticed a significant decrease in white hares hopping around and nibbling at your landscaping, or fewer droppings and “bunny” tracks in the snow. The likely culprit? Bobcats!

Bobcats, a type of lynx, are small wild cats, distinguished by their dappled grey-brown coats, black-tipped ears and short “bobbed” tails. These muscular cats have longer hind than front legs, giving them a bobbing gait. This winter, several bobcats, some with kittens, have been sighted in communities along the Lower Elbow including Elboya, Britannia and Bel-Aire. Some were in the open, some perched in trees and another spotted crouching under tree boughs, camouflaged by its spotted coat. One local family even reported that their

pet bunny had been taken from an open outdoor enclosure.

About double the size of housecats, bobcats are adaptable predators, preferring rabbits and hares but will hunt insects, birds, rodents and even deer. They compete with coyotes for prey, are solitary and territorial; moving on when their preferred food source has been depleted. In this way they play an important role in maintaining balance within our biodiverse riverine ecosystem.

They are more active during winter days when their prey is most active, but otherwise are on the prowl around dusk and sunrise. The bobcat hunts by stalking its prey and then ambushing it with a short chase or pounce, grabbing it with sharp, retractable claws. If chased by a dog, they may climb up a tree. The bobcat usually has a main den, and several other shelters within the range of its territory, such as hollow logs, brush, or under low, open structures. While preferring forested areas, bobcats will follow their prey into the urban-fringe. Here their range is limited and isolated by our fragmented natural landscape, resulting in less gene diversity and a build-up of parasites.

The average bobcat lifespan is 7 years. They breed from winter into spring and have a gestation period of about two months. Kittens may be taken by other predators, including owls, eagles, and foxes, as well as adult male bobcats.

Alberta Fish and Wildlife does not consider bobcats a threat to humans and won't usually step in to remove them from urban environments. Rather, they prefer to

educate homeowners on how to discourage attracting the cats and offer the following tips:

- Remove birdfeeders from your property as they attract the smaller mammals that bobcats prey on
- Close off any open spaces underneath your shed, deck, stairs or anywhere else that might provide shelter for a bobcat
- Motion-activated lights may help scare bobcats away at night
- Keep smaller pets indoors or watch them closely when outside
- Keep pets on a leash when walking them
- Feed your pets inside
- Put your garbage out the morning of pickup, not the night before.

Questions or concerns about bobcats? Call the Calgary District Fish and Wildlife office during business hours at 403-297-6423.

Rather than labeling our bobcat encounters as human-wildlife “conflicts”, perhaps we can reframe this relationship as “co-existence”. And don't worry; the hare population will bounce back!

Formed in 2004, S2G+ Preservation Society collaborates to enhance the environment and natural history of the lower Elbow River, its valley and contiguous bench lands from the Glenmore Dam to Fort Calgary. To join our stewardship network email us at S2Gplusinfo@gmail.com. Follow us on facebook.com/S2Gplus.

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Mine, yours, ours – a couple of financial planning tips for new couples

Suzanne Smith-Demers – Consultant

Once there was just you – now there are two. You’ve joined with a partner to share your life and love and that’s good. As a new couple, here is what you should know about how to equitably manage your finances.

As a married or common law couple, the integration of your financial lives must be fair and match your lifestyle together. It is wise to disclose assets, financial commitments (such as loans) and credit history.

Here’s some items to consider that will help start the conversation:

- Who will manage day-to-day finances, who will manage overall financial affairs and how much input does each partner want?
- Should bank accounts, credit cards and investments be merged or remain separate?
- Do you have a new will? Wills drafted prior to marriage usually become invalid.
- What happens to your mortgage, life insurance and in-

come if either of you dies or becomes unable to work due to an accident or illness?

- What should go into your domestic contract? Especially if one partner brings significant assets into the relationship and/or if children or past spouses are involved.

Make your decisions with a clear understanding of tax and legal implications and if you are bringing significant assets into the marriage, speak to a family lawyer or mediator about the financial implications and how best to protect your assets.

Although couples must file separate individual tax returns, there are many tax-planning strategies that can reduce your total tax bill now and in the future. Take advantage of all your deductions and income-splitting opportunities.

As a couple, you need a shared financial plan. Your professional advisor can help you build such a plan for a strong financial future together.



Interesting ARCHITECTURE

The Chrysler building attained the title of world’s tallest in building in 1930 for just one year when the Empire State was erected. Image Joris Van Rooden In the early part of the 20th Century, people everywhere were in a race to build the tallest building. At the time, this gorgeous Art Deco skyscraper was almost outdone by the Bank of Manhattan but its spire (which was constructed in secret) enabled it to take the title of ‘tallest building in the world’ in 1930.



Family Dental Care in Calgary

Stephanie McIntyre

From Baby teeth to dentures – everyone has unique dental needs that require attention to ensure that optimal dental health is achieved. As varied as the stages of dental care, there are many different types of dentists, all focused on different forms of treatment – so who should you see if you are looking for Family Dental Care in Calgary?

Family Dentists

Family Dentists are frequently referred to as General Dentists as they provide general dental services to patients of all ages in various scopes of dentistry. Unlike Dental Specialists who have focused on one area of dentistry and only provide services that fall within their specialty – Family, or General Dentists, have elected to provide a full range of services from dental cleanings to fillings and root canals and frequently see patients who have baby, permanent or no teeth.

Preventive Dental Care

Family Dentistry is focused on maintaining optimal dental health and preventing dental issues that require significant treatment. You may have wondered why your family dentist reinforces the importance of Routine Dental Cleanings and Exams – that's because

during this type of appointment a dentist and hygienist is able to monitor the health of your teeth and other oral tissues and provide treatment that reduces the risk of developing dental decay, gingivitis and periodontal disease. Allowing your dental team to capture x-rays on a regular basis provides an opportunity to see what is happening between teeth and below the gum line – areas that dental decay can quickly form.

Caring For Your Smile

Along with Preventive Dental Care that includes procedures like exams, cleanings and sealants – your Family Dentist also focuses on the health of individual teeth and your bite as a whole. Restoring teeth that are damaged due to decay, trauma, clenching and grinding is an everyday event that often expands to include the crowning of teeth that have excessive damage or have been restored numerous times and requires additional support. Your Family Dentist cares if you are happy with the health and esthetics of your smile – and is experienced in providing certain cosmetic options like Teeth Whitening and Dental Veneers that can improve the color of teeth and in the case of veneers a tooth's shape, size and alignment.

Art of the world



Las Meninas, 1656 By: Diego Velazquez

Diego was a Spanish painter who was the leading artist in the court of King Philip IV and one of the most important painters of the Spanish Golden Age. Las Meninas, or The Maids of Honor, depicts a room in the Madrid palace of Spain's King Philip IV. The painting is famous for its complexities regarding reality and illusion. Uncertainty is played out in the relations between the viewers and the figures, as well as between the figures themselves. These complex uncertainties have welcomed much discussion and analysis among critics and scholars.

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Are You Scheduled Or Just Completed Joint Replacement Surgery?

By Penny Hodgson C.H.N. C.T.C.

If your joint has deteriorated to the point of requiring surgery, consider the following:

- 1. Acute Pain** from the degraded joint and surgery can **disrupt digestion**, which can prevent certain nutrients from getting into your system.
- 2. Mineral depletion**, caused from the body trying to maintain and even repair the joint on its own, is not usually replenished without the added use of a variety of mineral supplements. Analysis of mineral deficiencies will indicate the appropriate amount of nutrients needed to replenish bone stores and fortify the new joint.
- 3. Chronic pain, worry and stress** cause strain on the adrenal glands by keeping your body in a fight or flight response. Nutrients that support the adrenal glands should be taken until all the symptoms of adrenal exhaustion have reduced significantly, or are gone altogether.
- 4. Certain pain relievers, antibiotics and other medications** (anaesthetic, relaxants etc.) can further disrupt the digestive process, reduce the level of beneficial bacteria needed for a healthy intestinal tract, thereby interrupting the assimilation process and preventing the uptake or even depleting your body of required nutrients.

Disrupted or reduced digestion means that the nutrients in your food, or supplements, are not being absorbed properly. No matter how healthy you think you are eating, or how many supplements you are taking, until your digestive process is functioning normally your body is not getting the required nutrients for optimal healing.

In some cases, disrupted digestion can lead to other issues like intestinal inflammation and leaky gut syndrome. An imbalanced intestinal system can lead to excessive weight gain, food allergies and intolerances, unexplained aches and pains, fibromyalgia, and chronic fatigue syndrome just to name a few.

Don't forget that doctors and other health care practitioners such as physiotherapists and massage therapists are focused on the task at hand. Nutrition has become a specialized therapy, and proper nutritional guidance requires that a doctor or therapist has studied or specialized in nutritional science.

Along with proper nutrition, the body requires the right amount of exercise in the right way. If you have had joint replacement surgery, seeking the counsel of a physiotherapist to ensure you are performing the required exercises properly is a good idea, even if you exercise regularly. Physiotherapy is usually prescribed by the surgeon to ensure exercises are done properly, so as to not jeopardize the new joint.

In order for muscles to heal properly, good blood circulation is required to deliver the much needed nutrients to the damaged tissue. Massage therapists can help ensure proper circulation and also stimulate lymph flow, which is also an important factor in the healing process.

Emotional health can also be affected by stress resulting from long surgery waiting times, fear of upcoming surgery, fear of pain, and financial strain as a result of having to take time off work. Talking with a trained therapist can help you find your way back to positive emotional wellbeing.

Nurturing your spirit will also help your body heal. Stress and pain can sometimes become so paramount in your day that your usual Spiritual practice gets put aside. In some cases, you might question why you have been put through such an ordeal or blame God for your situation. In these cases, seeking help from an elder that shares your beliefs might bring much needed insight into your situation.

Penny Hodgson is certified in Holistic Therapeutic Counseling and Holistic Nutrition



Building young brains can be as simple as using the 3 Ts!

When it comes to interacting with your baby or young child, there are three easy ways for parents to harness the power of their words to build their children's brains and shape their futures.

Tune In

Notice what your baby or child is focused on and talk about that. Respond when your child communicates ideas, questions and emotions – including when your baby coos or cries.

Talk More

Narrate day-to-day routines, such as diaper changes. Use details: "Let mommy take off your diaper. Oh so wet! And smell it. So stinky!" Or when tooth brushing: "How many teeth do you have now? Let's count them together ... 1, 2, 3 ..."

Take Turns

Keep the conversation going. Respond to your child's sounds, gestures and eventually words – and give them time to respond to you. Ask lots of questions that require more than 'yes' or 'no' answers.

Adapted from the book, *Thirty Million Words: Building a Child's Brain* the 3 Ts are based on research that found children in some households heard 30 million fewer words by age three than children in other homes. These children also heard a smaller variety of words

and fewer words of encouragement. This 'word gap' can exist in families of any socioeconomic status but, on average, children from low-income homes may be most at risk of hearing less words.

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. Using the 3 Ts can help you expose your child to more words. And, children who hear more words are better prepared when they enter school. And, by grade three children who have heard more words at home tend to have bigger vocabularies and are stronger readers.

Other tips include:

If you are bilingual, talk to your child mostly in your first language – it will be richer. But, also be sure to expose your child to the language of the broader community; here in Western Canada, that's English.

Embrace baby-talk – not made-up words, but a melodic pitch, positive tone, and sing-song rhythm.

Read aloud to your child. Even babies benefit. And, as you child gets older and can read themselves, read aloud to them from books above their own reading level. It introduces new vocabulary and makes these words familiar when they later encounter them in print.

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Who Is Responsible to Educate the Children?

Louise Ridout, B.Sc. (Hon Math), M.S. (Stats)

As a teacher and tutor, I recently attended a presentation to learn best practises for getting results in mathematics education and ideas to support children's learning.

At the end of the presentation, I heard the announcement: "It is the job of the Province to educate the children. It is not the job of parents to educate the children."

I shook my head. Did I hear correctly? Why would anyone ever have the idea that it was someone else's responsibility to educate their children? We have knowledge and values that we want to pass on to our children. How can we expect anyone else to educate our children about the things that are important to us? How can we expect anyone else to care about our children or know our children as well as we do!

Governments collect tax money from us and use some of that money to build schools, hire teachers and set curriculum. Can we count on them to educate our children? Should we hand over responsibility to the government to do that? Do you trust the government to make sure your children learn what you believe is important? Or to tailor their teaching to fit your child?

My answer would be a resounding NO. I often disagree with things that governments do. They don't always speak for me. I need their help to educate my children. I appreciate the schools and teachers that the government hires to teach. I must work together with teachers to make sure my children learn what I know they need to learn and to learn well.

What do you think? Do you think the government always teaches your children what is most helpful for them in the best way possible?



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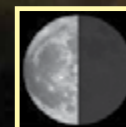
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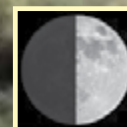
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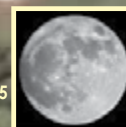
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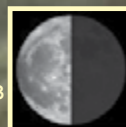
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Making Calgary's Streets Safer
 There have been a lot of recent conversations at City Hall about making our streets safer for everyone. One suggestion is to reduce unposted speed limits from 50km/h to 40km/h on residential streets.

According to the World Health Organization a pedestrian has a 90% chance of surviving when struck by a vehicle moving 30km/h. At 45km/h pedestrians only have a 50% chance of survival.

Without enforcement, a change in speed limit likely won't have a major impact. In January I brought a Notice of Motion before Council that laid the ground work for the Calgary Police Service to come up with a residential enforcement program. It is expected that this program will be presented to Council in July.

Dropping speed limits from 50km/h to 40km/h would be a big change for Calgarians. I do not believe it would be fair for Council to pass something like this without taking the time to consult with Calgarians first. Making our streets safer is a responsibility that needs to be shared by motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

I turn the question over to the residents of Ward 12. Would you be supportive of moving unposted speed limits in residential areas from 50km/h down to 40km/h? I look forward to hearing from you on this very important topic.

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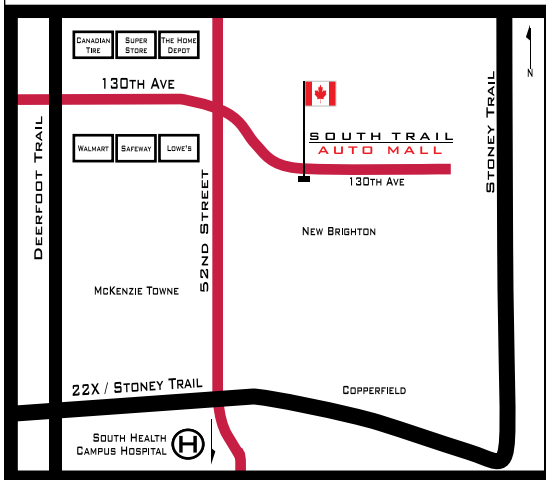
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