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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to everyone who attended the Chaparral Community Association's AGM on May 9th, 2017. The newly elected Board of Directors will be posted in the July issue of Your Trailblazer.

The first meeting of the new board year, and last meeting before summer break, will be held on Tuesday June 13th at 7:30 pm. Open to all residents from Chaparral Lake, Ridge and Valley we hope to see you there.

St. Sebastian Elementary
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NEIGHBOUR DAY

Saturday June 17th

Celebrate Calgary's fourth annual Neighbour Day with us!

Held on the third Saturday of June, Neighbour Day is a time for Calgarians to celebrate strong community spirit at organized community events such as front yard barbecues, garden parties, picnics, clean-ups or afternoon teas in a local park.

Earlier this year, the CCA offered to help sponsor neighbour day celebrations. We are pleased that a group took us up on the offer and we have been busy planning a party to be held from 4-7pm at Chaparral Valley Square. Please join us there!

Are you planning a block party of your own? Let us know by emailing president@chaparralcommunity.com. and don't forget to share your experiences on social media using the hashtag #yycNeighbourDay and #ChaparralCA

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Sunday June 18th 9:00am-1:30pm

The Chaparral Community Association in partnership with the City of Calgary will be hosting a community clean-up. This is an excellent time to rid of those items you have been meaning to take to the landfill but just didn't get around to it. Look around your home, property and back alley and consider bringing it to the clean-up.

Several restrictions are in place so please view the full advert on page 16 for details.

CHAPARRAL STAMPEDE KICKOFF

Saturday June 24th 9:00am-12:00pm

This co-sponsored event by the Chaparral Community Association and the Lake Chaparral Residents Association is an event not to be missed!! Pancake Breakfast guaranteed for the first 1500 residents, so get there early. Bring your community spirit, meet neighbours and local sponsors, enjoy the many games, activities and ride along on an old-fashioned horse and carriage ride. We look forward to seeing you there. Donations of food or cash for the Calgary Interfaith Foodbank will be gratefully accepted.

PARADE OF GARAGE SALES

Proudly presented by resident realtors Patrick and She-lagh Krause the 20th Annual Parade of Garage Sales will take place on Saturday, June 3rd. Please be reminded that while general advertising and street signs will be posted for this day by the sponsors, it is the responsibility of the participants to take ownership of your own directional signage.

To register or for more information visit calgaryrealestate.com or email info@calgaryrealestate.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Chaparral Community Association is seeking to fill the following volunteer positions:

Sports and Recreation coordinator: This position would entail liaising with local community sport associations, compiling any relevant registration events, AGMs, major tournaments, fundraisers or championships that would be of interest to the community. Information would be shared through various community association communication avenues including our newsletter (Trailblazer), website and social media. A perfect position to serve the community from home.

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In 2016, The City delivered more than 100 programs, services and small-scale improvement projects to a first group of 14 communities. This ranged from building a fit park, public art, to adding family-friendly Park n' Play programming options, to developing pedestrian pathway maps.

Now the City is working with a new group of 14 communities over the next two years and Chaparral has been chosen to be Ward 14's community.

Talk to an engagement representative out and about community events this spring. Fill out the mailer sent to your home and drop off at Chaparral Elementary, St Sebastian Elementary of the Primary Care Network Wellness **OR** simply visit engage.calgary.ca/myneighbourhood/chaparral

Great Scot!

Calgary was named for a town on Scotland's Isle of Mull. It can be translated from Old Norse as "cold garden" or Gaelic as "clear running water" or "bay barn."



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June Tip

"The best place to your store water is in the soil."

Kath Smyth

If you do nothing else this month, be sure to check the mulch around your plants and see that you have enough!

By now most people are hopefully aware of the growing movement aimed at protecting bee populations. Bees are an essential part of our ecosystem with their work contributing to a significant portion of the food we eat, but many of the world's bees are now threatened through the use of pesticides. In some areas of China, for example, the native bee populations have died off completely, resulting in farmers resorting to hand pollination which, studies suggest, produces lower yields.

As gardeners, we know that bees are our friends. They help give us succulent cherries and giant zucchini and ask very little in return, so we really should be doing all we can to help them.

1. Plant flowers

Bees don't set out with a plan to pollinate for you, it just happens as they are out feeding on nectar and pollen, so the more flowers you have out to attract them, the more work they will do for you. With that in mind you want to be sure to plant a variety of flowering plants that have different bloom times so that you are attracting bees throughout the season. Bees cannot see all colours, for example red flowers look black to them, so they are attracted to lighter colours like whites, yellows, blues, and purples, and flowers that are heavily scented.

Calgary Garden Coach suggests the following plants as being particularly attractive to the bees:

ANNUALS

Borage and cosmos.

PERENNIALS

Salvia, veronica spicata, hyssop (agastache foeniculum), sunflowers, liatris spicata, bee balm (monarda), black-eyed

susans (rudbeckia hirta), goldenrod (solidago rigida), honeysuckle, echinacea, catmint (nepeta), sedums, clover.

2. Beware of pesticides

In a 2014 CBC article by Aleksandra Sagan it was said that "A panel of independent scientists, operating as the Task Force on Systemic Pesticides, found the pesticides neonicotinoids and fipronil are harming the environment, posing a similar threat as DDT did in the 1960s." The article went on to say that these harmful nerve agents were found in at least 40% of the current pesticides on the market. More recent articles suggest that large chain stores like Lowes have made promises to phase out sales of these types of products by 2019.

As gardeners and consumers, it is important to look for these chemicals in any products you buy and if possible avoid using commercial pesticides altogether. Many gardeners swear by natural solutions to infestations such as neem oil, a mix of canola oil and Ivory dish soap, or diatomaceous earth, depending on the problem. Prevention is also key. Look for plants that look weak and cut back or remove them before they become problematic. Seaweed can be used as mulch or a spray which is full of beneficial minerals for your soil and deters slugs. Clear away debris or anything that might provide a home or breeding ground for unwanted insects. Rotate plants if possible or at least intersperse your plants as bugs are often choosy and only like certain ones. You could also look up companion planting as some plants are natural deterrents to the bugs that like another plant.

3. Watch for hidden dangers

Unfortunately, sometimes, even when you think you are doing the right thing, you are inadvertently introducing harmful pesticides to your garden. That lovely beebalm you bought may have been coated in harmful pesticides before you bought it. You put it in your garden and when the bees feed on it they might sicken and die when you were trying to help save them. As people are becoming more and more aware of this stores like Home Depot are now requiring their growers to indicate on the label if plants have been treated with neonicotinoids so ask about that when buying your plants and look at labels closely. If you are worried

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The Chaparral Community Association is a volunteer run organization that represents the residents of Lake Chaparral, Chaparral Ridge and Chaparral Valley.

Your Community Association is the recognized body that liaises with government officials, expresses resident concerns regarding commercial, industrial and residential land use development and represents the position of residents on education, transportation, environmental and infrastructure issues.

The CCA supports organized sports, community programs and social programs. The CCA supports and publishes the community publication The Trailblazer to help keep you better informed. For inquiries please see the list of CCA volunteers in the Trailblazer or email ask@chaparralcommunity.com.

Membership is a voluntary \$20 per year.

The Chaparral Residents Association is the association that governs the private membership of Lake Chaparral and its facilities. Each home within the Lake Chaparral community is encumbered to pay an annual membership due to the CRA. The annual dues are utilized for the day to day operations of the lake property and all of its facilities, the maintenance of entryway features of the community, maintaining an appropriate reserve fund and making long term planning decisions for the lake and its assets. The CRA's employs a facility director, Nancy Connors, under the direction of a volunteer Board of Directors.

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about some of the older plants in your garden that may have been treated with this either as a seed or as a plant, know that the flowers will only be potentially harmful for the first year or two after exposure. With new plants it is suggested to pinch off new flowers as they bloom for the first season if you suspect or know pesticides have been used. This would mean a delay in seeing the splendor of your plant for a year, but if it helps protect the bees your blooms will be better for it in the coming ones.

*Contributed by Jolene Ottosen for the Chaparral Green Thumbs
If you are interested in more information or curious about upcoming events email us at chaparralgreenthumbs@gmail.com.*



SUMMER DANCE CAMPS

July 10-13, July 17-20

August 14-17, August 21-24

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at the Lake



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Please, take some time to review our rules and regulations for this summer. We would all love to have a safe and fun summer; a quick review would help keep us all on the same page. <http://lakechap.ca/main/general-rules-information>

Residents Association fees and Our New System

As most of you already know, we have a new system that allows you to access your Lake Chaparral account. Go to our website at www.lakechap.ca, find the link to

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With this new system we use the card reader to access our residents into the lake and can no longer look you up if you forget your card. We need your card to allow you access. If you have lost your card please come into the office for a new one. If you have lost your new card, a fee of \$5.00 will be charged.

Upcoming events:

June 24th, 2017 - Our Annual Stampede Breakfast 9am-noon

It's that time of year again where we put on the old blue jeans and celebrate Stampede. This event is open to Lake Chaparral Residents or Chaparral Community Association members in good standings. Pancakes are guaranteed for the first 1500 residents. Bring your community spirit and meet your local sponsors, enjoy games, bouncy houses, crafts and entertainment for the whole family. **We will be collecting non-perishable donations for the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank.**

Programs

Registration for the following programs is done with the individual instructor. Classes are ongoing; full details and class information can be obtained from the instruc-

tor. Program schedules are subject to change, please contact the program instructor directly for more details.

Senior Programs

Senior Games

Monday's 12-3pm

Attention all seniors! Come out to socialize with your neighbours and friends, play games and enjoy coffee at the lake house. Cost: \$1.00/person drop-in

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Tuesday's and Thursday's 10am-12pm

We meet outside the lake house (by the flags) around 10am to start our walk.

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Wednesday's 6:15-9:00pm

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CHAPARRAL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Bring It!!! It's FREE
SUNDAY JUNE 18, 2017

WHEN: 9 am to 1:30 pm
Drop-offs CANNOT be accepted
after 1:30

WHERE: 225 Chaparral Drive
Laneway in front of Lake Chaparral

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DATE	TIME	AGE	LEVEL	COST
July 3 - 7	1:30 - 3:00 pm	6 - 9 years	Beginner/Novice	\$100.00
	3:00 - 4:30 pm	10 - 16 years	Beginner/Novice	\$100.00
July 10 - 24	1:30 - 3:00 pm	6 - 9 years	Beginner/Novice	\$100.00
	3:00 - 4:30 pm	10 - 16 years	Beginner/Novice	\$100.00
July 17 - 21	1:30 - 3:00 pm	6 - 9 years	Novice/Intermediate	\$100.00
	3:00 - 4:30 pm	10 - 16 years	Novice/Intermediate	\$100.00
July 31 - Aug 4	1:30 - 3:00 pm	6 - 9 years	Beginner/Novice	\$100.00
	3:00 - 4:30 pm	10 - 16 years	Beginner/Novice	\$100.00
August 7 - 11	1:30 - 3:00 pm	6 - 9 years	Beginner/Novice	\$100.00
	3:00 - 4:30 pm	10 - 16 years	Beginner/Novice	\$100.00
August 21- 25	1:30 - 3:00 pm	6 - 9 years	Novice/Intermediate	\$100.00
	3:00 - 4:30 pm	10 - 16 years	Novice/Intermediate	\$100.00
	5:30 - 7:00 pm	13 - 17 years	Beginner/Novice	\$100.00
	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	18+	Beginner/Novice	\$100.00
Aug 28 - Sept 1	1:30 - 3:00 pm	6 - 9 years	Novice/Intermediate	\$100.00
	3:00 - 4:30 pm	10 - 16 years	Novice/Intermediate	\$100.00

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“WHY YOU SHOULD THANK A TEACHER”

In a few short weeks school will be over for this year, as summer holidays loom on the horizon. As a former educator, it was always a joke as to who looks forward to summer holidays more, the students or the teachers. Personally, I think it was a draw. Other than parents, teachers are probably the most important people in your child's life as they open up the world to young eyes and nurture the drive to learn all about the wonders and the lessons necessary to survive and grow as responsible citizens. We often take teachers for granted and this is why we need to take the time to say thank you for being there for my child. I included the following article on teachers in my column three years ago and thought it was worth repeating.

WHAT IS A TEACHER?

In my third year of university, I read an article by Dan Valentine in the local newspaper on, “What is a Teacher?” I was so inspired by what he had to say and thanks to him, it really affirmed that I had chosen the best profession for my career. Here is a summary of his article:

What is a teacher? A teacher is many things: she's knowledge with a smile on her face, democracy with a book in her hand, wisdom with a lick of white chalk dust on her left eyelid.

She comes in all sizes and temperament; she's the future of the country in a dress; love with a college education.

In her everyday work week, she's expected to be: diplomat, philosopher, politician, fight referee, pediatrician, practical nurse and problem solver.

She has little children in her eyes and all her dreams are young dreams. Her days are filled with school bells, young chatter, waving hands, questions and worried parents.

A teacher is equally adept at: blowing small noses, teaching fractions, putting on rubber boots, finding lost mittens in cloakrooms and making parents feel good at parent-teacher meetings.

She spends four years in college, studying hard, but enjoys making orange paper pumpkins at Halloween, umpiring baseball games at recess time, telling young boys to throw bubble gum in the waste basket.

In addition to knowing all there is to know about reading, writing and arithmetic, not to mention science, biology, history and music, a teacher has to be an authority on games, grasshoppers, little girls, snakes, young love, little boys and how to live two months of the year without a paycheque.

A teacher dispenses magic, sells the future as dreams are her stock-in-trade. From her small classroom will come the doctors of tomorrow, the great artists and novelists of the future, the industrial tycoons, entrepreneurs and all the leaders our country will need to survive in a challenging world.

Unappreciated at times, harried and overworked, she gains her pay in secret satisfaction as she will admit, “I have the greatest job of all,” and she has because she holds the history of the world in the palm of her little hand.

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The Chaparral Community Association has been working hard to cover all the views, opinions, and concerns for all matters pertaining to Lake Chaparral, Chaparral Ridge, and Chaparral Valley outside of the Lake facility (we have nothing to do with Lake operations). We meet on a monthly basis at Lake Chaparral Boat House to address a progressive agenda.

The cost of membership is **\$20.00** for one year. Without the value of the Community Association, we would not be able to keep you informed of important events and factors affecting our community as a whole. Please consider becoming a member if you are not already one. We are a non-profit organization and your membership goes towards community events, programs, and operating costs as mentioned above.



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Attendees can meet the City of Calgary's This Is My Neighbourhood (TIMN) engagement team and Chaparral Community Association representatives. Councillor Demong and Mayor Nenshi have been invited and may just stop by to join the fun!

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Saturday June 17th, 2017
Location: Chaparral Valley Square Green Space
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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BUNGALOW	-	-	-	-	-
BI-LEVEL	-	-	-	-	-
4 LEVEL SPLIT	-	-	-	-	-
ATTACHED	465,000	465,000	465,000	96	1
CONDO	357,000	317,000	333,750	41	6

Chaparral Valley Sales Stats: YEAR TO DATE

STYLE	HIGH	LOW	AVG.	AVG DOM	TOTAL
2 STORY/2 SPLIT	660,000	415,000	490,743	42	14
BUNGALOW	-	-	-	-	-
BI-LEVEL	-	-	-	-	-
ATTACHED	411,000	356,500	385,200	25	5
CONDO	339,500	300,000	319,833	25	6

Chaparral Ridge Sales Stats: YEAR TO DATE

STYLE	HIGH	LOW	AVG.	AVG DOM	TOTAL
2 STORY/ 2 SPLIT	595,000	375,000	456,400	27	5
BUNGALOW	-	-	-	-	-
BI-LEVEL	-	-	-	-	-
4 LEVEL SPLIT	365,000	361,000	363,000	12	2
ATTACHED	-	-	-	-	-
CONDO	255,000	208,200	233,300	69	4

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With the return of warmer weather, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and caregivers of an often-overlooked hazard in the home – access to open windows. Every year, paramedics respond to emergencies where a child has fallen from an open window, often from the second floor. These can be avoided by following simple safety measures. Take the time to assess potential hazards in your home before a preventable fall occurs.

Windows and screens

- Prevent access to windows by moving furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables out from under them;
- Keep drapery cords out of childrens’ reach. Wrap excess cord around cleats, or tie-downs to avoid a choking hazard;
- Remember: screens are not safety devices. They are designed to keep bugs out, not to keep children in.

Balconies

- Do not underestimate a child’s ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing;
- Ensure that your balcony railings are not more than 10 cm (4 inch) apart. This will eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony, or deck.

Further prevention tips

- Toddlers & preschoolers are at highest risk of falling from a window or balcony, but it may happen at any age;
- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies;
- Install safety devices which limit the distance in which a window be can open to a maximum of 10cm (4 inches);
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly so the window can be used for escape in case of emergency.

EMS is proud to be a member of the **Partners Promoting Window and Balcony Safety**. Take time to assess your home for window and balcony hazards and eliminate the risks before a preventable fall occurs. www.windowssafety.ca.



Join us for Lake Chaparral’s 9th Annual Stampede Kick-off!

Saturday June 24, 2017

9am to 12 noon

Join us for pancakes, served up with a smile by our local LDS chapter, for the first 1500 people or until 11am (which ever comes sooner). Entertainment, games and a horse and wagon ride all brought to you by your local Chaparral businesses.

Dress in your best western wear and bring the whole family! This event is open to Lake Chaparral Residents Association members in good standing and Chaparral Community Association members.



Admission is free but we ask you to bring a donation for the Calgary Food Bank upon entrance.



Yard Improvements

Greetings Neighbours and Lake Chaparral Residents!

Now that spring is officially here, I know that in our household, my wife and I turn our thoughts to outside yard and property improvement projects. I suspect that we are not alone in this.

Did you know that if you live in Lake Chaparral you have restrictive covenants and architectural guidelines on your properties? I know that most new residents do, as you would have reviewed those covenants and architectural controls with your lawyers when completing the property purchase agreements. But for some longer-term residents you may not recall as it's been some time since moving into the neighbourhood.

These covenants make Lake Chaparral a wonderful place to live and include, most familiar to you, the requirement to pay a yearly fee to maintain the lake property, common property grounds that includes entrance features (the Chaparral Signs) and some other areas of

the community. If you are curious as to what areas belong to the Residents' Association, check in at the lake office.

Many of the other items in the covenants are similar to the City of Calgary By-Laws around residential properties, but are a little more stringent with the eye to maintaining Lake Chaparral as a premier community in Calgary. Fences would be a good example of this. In Calgary, you are not allowed to have your fence fall into disrepair, the same bylaw also applies to Chaparral. What our covenant adds is that the fence must be the same colour and type as was originally put up by the developer Genstar. For most of us this makes no difference as we didn't have developer supplied fences. For those of us who have a beige perimeter fence (wood or stucco), a corner feature fence, a fence with stone pillars or a chain link fence next to green space, this means we cannot change the fence type or colour. It also means the burden of maintaining that fence is on us as the home owner whose property it is on.

There are a number of other items covered in the covenants that include swales, garden sheds, and clothes lines to name a few. To add some complexity to this not always well understood topic, Genstar had slightly different covenants applied to each phase of development in Chaparral. If you no longer have a copy of your covenant, it may not match a neighbour's depending on what phase each of your homes was in. The best way to find out what your specific covenant contains is to find your original document or visit the lake office where the staff have copies of all the covenants available.

When you are contemplating an improvement project for your property, please remember to check your covenant as well as the applicable City of Calgary By-Laws before you begin your project. It's much easier to remain compliant than it is to have to "fix" something you've already built or changed. Again, please contact the lake office with any questions around covenants on your properties. Have a great spring and summer season.

Regards,

Murray Hunt
President, Lake Chaparral Residents' Association

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May 24 1:00-3:30pm

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FOR ARTS' SAKE

Why Art Matters

By Tasha Komery

Many of us enjoy the experience of seeing a live show, be it music, dance, or theatre. We leave these experiences feeling more inspired, more creative, and more at peace with the world around us.

But in the grand scheme of things, does art really matter? Does it really have a powerful impact on our lives, on our health, on our community, and on our society?

We have solid research on the impact of the arts on the economy. In the *Arts Impact Alberta 2014* study, the Alberta Foundation for the Arts (AFA) found that "the total output of the sector is roughly \$347 million". Additionally, the not-for-profit arts organizations that Alberta Foundation for the Arts funded provided approximately 700 full-time and 2,700 part-time positions with the majority (85%) of Albertans reporting that they attend at least one arts event per year.

It seems the arts do improve our society. But what about us, personally? A recent study from The University of Western Australia has found that "participating in the arts for just two hours a week can improve mental health and wellbeing". Participants surveyed were asked how they felt after the experience, and the respondents used descriptors like "optimistic", "useful", "relaxed", and "good about myself". One of the study's co-authors concluded: "arts engagement increases people's happiness, confidence, and self-esteem, while reducing stress and social isolation".

Fortunately for us, Calgary is a great city to get out and experience art, whether it is in a gallery, on a stage, at a festival or even taking an art class. For a good overview of the breadth of arts and culture in Calgary, visit lifeincalgary.ca/todo/arts-culture

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One of my favorite things about Calgary is the animals in my yard. Calgarians encounter wildlife daily. I yield to deer weekly while driving. I've named the skunk living under our front porch "Fifi la Peuw". There's bats and owls in my backyard, and I cut walks short when coyotes are stalking my dogs in off-leash areas. With spring comes the robins and the rest of the migratory birds, as well as all the species that hibernate reappear. Then the babies appear.... Calgary is a city immersed in parklands and forests. Unfortunately, this often puts wildlife in conflict with the human inhabitants.

Good Samaritans are the bane of all baby animals. My staff and I spend hours on the phone arguing with well-intentioned determined people desperate to save the baby hare, fawn, or fledgling alone and uninjured. Does leave fawns for long periods of time, but are usually within hearing distance. Fawns and baby hares are naturally camouflaged and have no scent. Mother hares feed babies incredibly rich milk returning to feed them typically only at dusk and dawn. Baby hares run around within a day of birth. If you find a baby hare in a precarious position like on a road just tuck them somewhere safe nearby and walk away. Animals adapt behaviors to decrease the chance of predators finding their young. Respect this wisdom.

Many people incorrectly think a baby removed from the area cannot be returned. With a few species, a touch means rejection by the parents, but often if we can convince people to quickly put the baby back, parent animals will resume their duties.

Fledgling birds on the ground are in the precarious position between leaving the nest and flying. This doesn't

Living in Harmony with Calgary Wildlife

By: Dr. Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.

occur instantaneously. The parent birds will follow the fledgling and feed it on the ground while it learns to fly. If flight school is in your backyard, keep children and pets away. If the baby is still a helpless nestling and fell out of the nest too early, return the bird to the nest. If the nest has fallen, secure an open container with drainage holes and the fallen nest inside back in the tree. Most baby birds, squirrels, and hares die of infection when people attempt to hand-raise them, not to mention missing out on life lessons from their parents. A wild animal's best chance of survival is with its parents, NOT you.

If you have concerns about wild creatures in your yard call the Alberta Institute for Wildlife Conservation Hotline at 403-946-2361. They are a charitable foundation with extensive facilities designed to accept all species of wildlife. They can also give you advice to deal with unwanted wildlife sharing your home, such as skunks, raccoons, bats, squirrels, and pigeons. Check out their website; www.aiwc.ca.

Many veterinary clinics will take in wildlife brought to us by the public. At my clinic, some animals are held briefly and released, especially the drunken waxwings eating fermented berries in the fall or birds simply stunned by flying into a window. A very few animals are immediately humanely euthanized because their injuries are too severe. Most animals are checked over and transferred to AIWC which has a fleet of volunteer drivers. An information sheet is filled out for every wild animal admitted, ideally to try to eventually release it to home territory, as well as for education and funding purposes. Volunteer if you really want to learn how to help our wild neighbors.



AHS – Hospice

Hospice, one of many options for end-of-life care

In Alberta, there are many options to get palliative and end of life care—your home, a hospital, a continuing care centre, or a hospice.

Hospices are places made to feel like home while giving specialized end of life care, 24/7. The care teams focus on comfort and quality of life, and can help patients and their family cope with feelings about serious illness.

In a hospice, palliative care is provided by health professionals, volunteers, and spiritual counsellors. Services include:

- managing pain
- helping with daily living activities (personal care)
- emotional, psychological and spiritual support.

Before accessing palliative care or a hospice, a health care team discusses with patients on what's important to them and where they would like to be at the time of their illness where they may either have: a life expectancy of less than 3 months; signed a form saying they do not want to be resuscitated or a need to be in a bed or chair most of the time. A patient's choice may change as an illness changes, and individuals can get palliative and end of life care at any time.

There's also a new program that's helping to bring emergency care to people who get palliative and end of life care in their homes. The EMS Assess, Treat, Refer program has Emergency Medical Services, home care clinicians, doctors, and families working together to help people stay in their homes if that's what they wish.

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The Cougar

Article by J.G. Turner
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The cougar, Alberta's biggest cat, can be found in wild areas along the full length of western North America, and Mexico, Central America and South America. Adult males can weigh up to 90 kg while females average 45 kg. Adults are well camouflaged with tawny to grey-brown fur and black tips on their tails and backs of their ears. Their heads are small and round and their eyes are brown with large pupils.



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Wednesday mornings, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., current session runs until June 21st.

Registration preferred, but drop in is available, babysitting supplied. Please contact Lori at McDougall United Church 403-252-1620.

Fun Facts:

- Despite their wide distribution, cougars are seldom spotted by humans.
- Cougars are apex predators and are excellent hunters.
 - Cougars have a killing bite with sharp teeth to tear off chunks of meat and a rough tongue to clean traces of meat off their prey's bones.
 - Their hind legs are longer than their front ones to give better spring to pounce of their prey, their claws are razor sharp for bringing down their prey and climbing trees and their skeletons bend easily for jumping, stretching and twisting.
- These cats have an excellent sense of smell and their large pupils help them see their prey in dim light.
- Cougars are hunt-and-wait predators, meaning they watch their prey silently in trees or rocks and pounce when their prey is feeding.
- Cougars hunt moose, elk, caribou and deer.
- Cougars are solitary animals unless they are with their young.
- When a female is ready to give birth, she finds a den in rock piles, caves or under a deep brush of fallen trees.
 - Cougars will occasionally use human built structures such as doghouses, sheds or hunting cabins for their dens.

Cubs develop their hunting skills by hunting at their mother's side and stay with their mother until they can hunt for themselves which is typically between 13 and 24 months.

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal in distress, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society hotline at 403-239-2488, for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at www.calgarywildlife.org for more information.

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Ask Charles

I'm on a condominium board, and we have decided to hire a professional management company. Do they need to be licensed?

This is one of the most common questions we get. The answer depends on what they are going to do on behalf of the Board of Directors, and how they will handle the condominium corporation's money.

Condominium managers are responsible for collecting condominium fees, arranging property maintenance (according to instructions from the condominium's Board of Directors), assisting the Board of Directors with enforcing the Bylaws, and other duties set out in the Bylaws.

The Real Estate Act does not specifically refer to condominium management, but it does say that individuals need a licence if they collect contributions, or money, for the control, management, or administration of real estate.

So, if a condominium manager is collecting condominium fees, or other such fees such as special assessments, do they need a licence?

If a condominium manager collects the money payable to the condominium corporation, deposits it directly into the condominium corporation's account, and they are not carrying out any other activities that fall under the definition of trading in real estate, they do not require a licence.

If a condominium manager deposits the money payable to the condominium corporation into the management company's account for any period of time, no matter how short, they do require a licence.

As a member of a condominium Board of Directors, you and your Board will have to think about how you want your management company to collect and hold fees. If the company will hold them in its own account, they require a licence.

Licensing requirements provide some protection for consumers when a third party, for example a management company, holds consumer funds. All licensees are required to have Errors and Omissions insurance, and there is a consumer compensation fund that compensates consumers who suffer a financial loss as a result of fraud, breach of trust, or a failure to disburse or account for money held in trust. The compensation fund is only available to consumers who are working with licensed professionals on trades in real estate or deals in mortgages.

In December 2014, the Government of Alberta passed legislation that will require licensing for all condominium managers; however, the government has not announced the date on which those legislative changes will come into effect. In the meantime, the licensing requirements detailed in this article continue.

"Ask Charles" is a monthly question and answer column by Charles Stevenson, Director of Professional Standards with the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA), www.reca.ca. RECA is the independent, non-government agency responsible for the regulation of Alberta's real estate industry. We license, govern, and set the standards of practice for all real estate, mortgage brokerage, and real estate appraisal professionals in Alberta. To submit a question, email askcharles@reca.ca.

FRIENDS of Fish Creek

FISH CREEK SUMMER TOUR SERIES 2017 - JULY & AUGUST

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Registration Required: Please phone 403-297-7927 or email Roland.Kirzinger@gov.ab.ca

Admission: By donation (suggested \$5.00 per person). All donations go to The Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society to support education programs in the park.

Tuesday, July 4th: Berries and Blooms

What is that shrub with the berries I see? What are those flowers buzzing with bees? This is your chance to find out. Join us for a walk to explore the flowers and shrubs of Fish Creek.

When: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Votier's Flats Day Use Area (South end of Elbow Dr. S.W.)

Tuesday, July 11th: Whirly Gigs and Water Tigers

Wonder down to the pond and enter the world of water monsters! We will use nets and buckets to explore the fascinating world just below the surface. Learn about amazing aquatic insects and invertebrates as well as the other plants and animals of the wetland.

When: 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Where: Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre, Shannon Terrace Day Use Area

Tuesday, July 18th: Walk about Rotary

Explore River, wetland and prairie for birds, bugs and blooms along the pathways of Chinook Rotary Nature

Park. Bring binoculars if you have them and enjoy an evening of nature exploration.

When: 7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Where: Chinook Rotary Nature Park (off McKenzie Lake Blvd. SE)

Tuesday, July 25th: Predator Prowl

Are there bears in Fish Creek? What eats the ground squirrels? Who left those tracks? We will try to answer these questions and more as we delve into the world of the predator.

When: 7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Where: Bebo Grove Day Use Area (South end of 24 St. SW)

Tuesday, August 1st:

Big Hill Springs Provincial Park Tour

Join us for a lovely stroll through this little gem of a park with waterfalls, forests, flowers and birds. Be prepared for a few hilly bits and uneven terrain, but overall a relatively easy walk.

When: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

Where: Big Hill Springs Provincial Park (maps and directions will be provided)

Tuesday, August 8th: Birding Basics

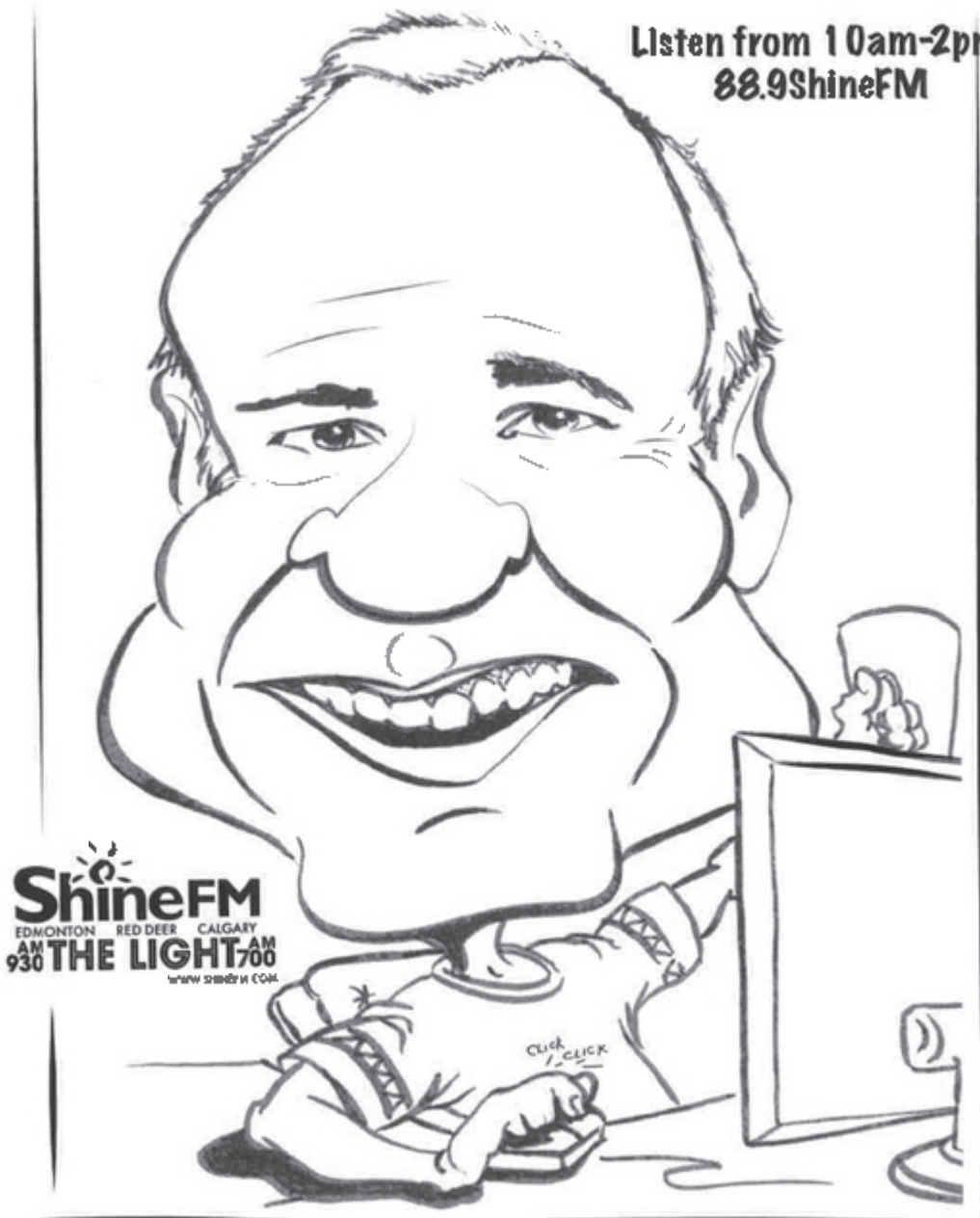
What makes a bird a bird? What is that bird in your backyard or your local greenspace? This is your chance to learn how you might figure these things out. Books, binoculars, tips and tricks for the beginner birdwatcher. Bring binoculars if you have them.

When: 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Where: Hull's Wood Day Use Area (Access off Bow Bottom Trail S.E.)

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The idea is to meet your neighbours, make new friends, and have fun.

Create a gathering of your own, or find out if some of your neighbours or your community association is hosting a gathering, and make **Saturday, June 17** the day you get to know your neighbours!

Visit Calgary.ca/NeighbourDay for more information.

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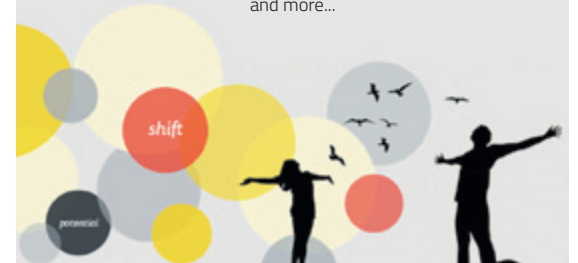
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YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

Canada Day at Fort Calgary – 750 9 Ave SE, July 1
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**My Sporting Life, Our Canada Speaking Series: Discover
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Chaparral Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Chaparral
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
April 2017	\$472,450	\$463,750
March 2017	\$452,200	\$447,750
February 2017	\$469,950	\$452,000
January 2017	\$502,944	\$497,950
December 2016	\$527,000	\$512,250
November 2016	\$502,000	\$485,750
October 2016	\$471,900	\$465,500
September 2016	\$552,400	\$539,400
August 2016	\$514,900	\$499,000
July 2016	\$499,900	\$475,000
June 2016	\$516,200	\$504,500
May 2016	\$449,900	\$445,000

Last 12 Months Chaparral
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
April 2017	24	22
March 2017	28	18
February 2017	21	14
January 2017	21	12
December 2016	7	12
November 2016	11	10
October 2016	20	14
September 2016	13	6
August 2016	11	13
July 2016	18	15
June 2016	23	22
May 2016	24	23

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Again and again, our MLAs are hearing how the government continues to make the lives of everyday Albertans harder. At a time when more than 200,000 Albertans are out of work, the government seems intent on doing everything possible to attack our job creators with multiple tax hikes and increased regulation.

I will continue to tirelessly work to hold the government to account, and stand up for Alberta families. This is especially important as the government seems intent on ramming through heavy-handed labour reforms with little consultation with employers. We fear these reforms will add to the heavy burden the government has placed on small- and medium-sized business owners in Alberta and cost even more mortgage-paying jobs.

Events and congratulations:

- Attended Opening Ceremonies of FIRST Robotics Competition Western Canada Regional
- Nando's Mahogany Grand Opening
- The 100th Anniversary Parade commemorating the Battle of Vimy Ridge
- SAM (Homebuilders) Awards
- Congratulations to Copperfield School Fundraiser Pub and Silent Auction for raising over \$5555 for their school
- New Brighton Residents Association Wine with the Board Evening
- Spoke at Copperfield School Council Meeting
- Attended the Calgary Public Library Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony
- Spoke at Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School Diversity Week
- Spoke at Our Lady of the Rosary Dedication and Blessing
- Spoke at Dr. Martha Cohen School - Official Opening
- Spoke at Dr. George Stanley School - Official Opening
- Attended the Women's Centre of Calgary AGM and our office took donations from constituents
- Attended MP Tom Kmiec's Budget and Alberta Job Open House and Discussion
- Attended Silverado Community Clean Up

Did you know?

- Our office presents congratulatory scrolls for anniversaries and birthdays. Birthday scrolls are available to constituents celebrating their 65+ birthday, in five-year intervals. Anniversary scrolls are available to constituents celebrating their 25+ anniversary, in five-year intervals.
- I will visit your child's school and speak about the role of an MLA, government, and answer students' questions.
- Our office provides free notary service to constituents. Please call to book an appointment.
- I am available to attend constituency events. Please contact my office to schedule.

As your MLA, I am the conduit between you and the government. My job exists to champion your voice and I do so with humility and respect for each and every one of you. I believe that my constituents don't want to hear political rhetoric. They want solutions and answers. I have a job because I was elected to serve everyone in our constituency.

If you have any questions, concerns or are in need of assistance, please contact my office.

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Seniors' Week

In 2017, The City of Calgary will celebrate Seniors' Week from June 5 - 11 to acknowledge the contributions of seniors to our communities.

Whether it's their time, talent or life experience, seniors' contributions are at the heart of many Calgary communities improving the quality of life for many Calgarians. The City of Calgary supports seniors in many ways throughout the year; learn more at www.calgary.ca/SeniorsWeek.

BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS cont'd

CHILD CARE: Day home in Chaparral offering full-time, part-time, and before-and-after-school care. References provided. Police clearance. 5 years experience. Please call Pippa at 587-891-9450 or email piplingard@hotmail.com with inquiries.

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HOME REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS: Affordable pricing, high quality and detailed work. Drywall, doors and windows, lighting, bathrooms, kitchens, painting and more. Receive a 10% discount on labour only if you mention this ad. Insured. Member of BBB. Mon-Fri 8-5pm. Call 403-703-8648 – TH Maintenance Services. Find us on Facebook. Receive a 10% discount on labour only if you mention this ad.

MATH TUTORING: Sessions for grade 9 to Introductory Calculus. School-aged students and upgrading adults. All sessions are 100% one-to-one. Days/evenings. Also available for business math and introductory accounting courses. Specializing in dash-1 math. In Sundance since 2003. Ask about distance tutoring. Call/text Claudia at 403-819-0421.

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ANN'S SUNDANCE DAYHOME: I now have two full-time openings available for ages 2-5. I also have summer drop-in care for July and August. For more details please visit my website at www.wanns.ca.

TOP TURF: Lawn care, yard clean up, pressure washing. - Call 587-438-0036.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline – 1st of each month for the next month's publication
Contact news@great-news.ca

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

CASUAL BASEBALL FOR ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS. Saturday/Sunday afternoons at Chaparral Elementary School. Bring your gear and join us for some family fun. No teams, no cost, no commitment needed. Just show up and jump in. Dates and times will vary so please call or text Jason for more information at 403-671-8058.



Councillor, Ward 14
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Greetings Ward 14!

Ward 14 Community Calendar

I have always wanted a calendar for community events. Given that I attend most of those events, I can tell you that I have found use for such a calendar. So, I was very happy in February when the resources were finally available to make it a reality. You will find it at calgary.ca/ward14calendar, and you will see details on community events like:

• **Counciltalk:** If you click through the calendar to June 17, you will find the last Counciltalk session of the season. It will run from noon to 2 p.m. at Parkland Community Hall (505 Parkvalley Road S.E.). This year's Counciltalk sessions have been more than I could have hoped for. Most turnouts have been large, and the conversation has been stimulating. I hope to see as many out to the June session as possible, because it will be the last opportunity for a while. Visit calgary.ca/counciltalk for more information.

• **Ward 14 Communities BBQ:** If you click through a little bit farther you will see my annual Ward 14 Communities BBQ. We will have a great time and raise a lot of money for Ward 14's community associations. Look for the BBQ on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. specifically. We will be in the Southcentre Mall parking lot. If you want more details visit calgary.ca/ward14bbq.

• **Neighbour Day:** It is on the same day as my last Counciltalk session—June 17—, and Neighbour Day is actually made up of many different events. I can confidently say that June 17 will be a very busy day for me, but busy in a good way. Visit calgary.ca/neighbourday for more info.

That brings me to one last point about the Ward 14 Community Calendar. On it you will find many great events, but some still slip under my radar. So, if you have one that you think is worthy (i.e. has benefit for the communities of Ward 14) send an email with the details to ward14@calgary.ca.

Ward 14 Wordsmith Award

For five years, the winner of my essay contest, and their entire class, have joined me at a City Council meeting. I read the winning essay on TV during a Council meeting—so everyone can be just as impressed as I—and present the winner with the *Ward 14 Wordsmith Award*.

This year Carine Howie, who is from Midnapore and goes to St. Teresa of Calcutta School, takes home the award: a trophy and a signed Johnny Gaudreau jersey courtesy of the Calgary Flames! Congratulations Carine! It is great to see young people who understand the importance of democracy. Thank you to all of the teachers who instil that importance, and to all the students who participated! I can't wait to see what the students have in store for next year.

Stampede Parade - route reversal

Just one quick note before I go. If you like to attend the Stampede Parade, keep in mind this year the route has been reversed. For more information, you should visit parade.calgarystampede.com.

That is all I have for June. Remember to dust off the boots and hats for July!

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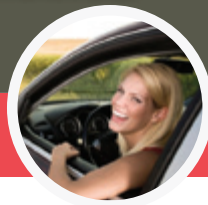
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