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MESSAGE FROM THE DEER RIDGE BOARD

Spring Cleaning

Deer Ridge community litter clean-up is May 15! The muster point is Yellow Slide Park for 11:00 a.m. meet-up time. The community association is providing the garbage bags and gloves. Please come out and help pick up litter in the community. Any time you may have to volunteer makes a difference.

City of Calgary - Household hazardous waste drop-off

At no extra charge, residents can take household hazardous waste such as paint and oil, to any of our landfill Throw 'n' Go areas or designated fire stations with special storage depots. Note: The household hazardous waste drop-off at Midnapore Fire Station #26 is closed. It has been relocated to Evergreen Fire Station #37 (2511 Eversyde Avenue S.W.).

City of Calgary - Yard waste drop-off

From April 1 to May 29, all three City of Calgary landfills will waive fees for residential loads of leaves, branches, plants and other garden material. The yard waste will be composted at the sites, turning it back into a useful resource.

Here are four tips for Calgarians to know about the spring yard waste drop-off program before they come to the landfill:

- Make sure your load only contains yard waste like leaves, branches and plants (no sod – it can't be composted at City sites). Charges will apply if the load contains other items.
- Residents are encouraged to leave their yard waste loose or put it in paper yard waste bags, which can be composted as well. If yard waste is loose, residents should make sure to secure and cover loads before transporting them.
- City landfills are open seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:
- For faster service, visit the landfill on a weekday or before 9 a.m. on Saturday or Sunday when wait times are shorter.

ATCO Gas: Urban Pipeline Replacement Program

During the construction along Bow Bottom Trail, please be patient and watchful! Workers and equipment are near to traffic flow and detours will vary as work proceeds. Access points along Bow Bottom Trail to local business will

be limited at times. Also, the flashing pedestrian lights may not be functioning during some periods. Let's make sure everyone gets home safe. Please see ATCO Gas' community notification in this newsletter for further details.

May Counciltalk

Please join Councillor Peter Demong on May 14, 2016 from noon to 2 p.m at Bonavista Downs Community Hall (1418 Lake Ontario Road S.E.). If you have any Community or City concerns or questions to ask the Councillor, this is a great forum to talk to the Councillor directly.

Community Festival

The second Annual Community Festival is Sunday June 26, 2016 at the Deer Point Plaza. Enjoy local music, artisan market & kid's activities! Please see our Community Festival Poster in this newsletter for further details.

Movie in Yellow Slide Park 2016

Please join us on Saturday July 23, 2016 and Saturday August 20, 2016 for two free movie events at Yellow Slide Park.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free night of food and entertainment for the whole family.

Please bring a non-perishable food donation for the Calgary Food Bank and be eligible for a raffle prize!

Please see our Movie in Yellow Slide Park 2016 Poster in this newsletter for further details.

Deer Ridge Community Association Monthly Meeting

Our next meeting is May 17 and upcoming Annual General Meeting on June 21. For our association to remain active it is very important to have a full slate of board members for 2016-2017. If you are interested in helping please contact us.

Are you interested in attending but getting a babysitter is an issue? No worries, there is plenty of space in the meeting room for your children. Remember to bring child's favourite books, tablets, toys.

The next board meeting is:

Date & Time: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7 PM

Location: The Trico Centre - Meeting Room 8

We hope to see you there!



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- Saving you money — city council saw a public solution as the most cost effective; there will be no more spectator fees.
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We think this is a pretty good game plan moving forward: Let's keep city recreation facilities public and working for all Calgary families.

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IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

École St. Cecilia School

In May, all École St. Cecilia School students will participate in special activities and focus on the value of "caring".

The Marian Celebration will take place early in the month. The Marian Celebration, or May Crowning, is an event that recognizes Mary the Blessed Virgin as queen of heaven and earth and the importance of our own mothers as Mother's Day approaches. We welcome Fr. Paul for our Pentecost Celebration later in May.

Students will also participate in the NED Show that promotes a school culture of kindness, resiliency and excellence. The key takeaways from this event are for students to Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best.

On the field trip front, Kindergarten students will visit Safety City to learn about the rules of the road, especially important as bike season approaches, and our Grade 1 students are off to the Leighton Art Centre, a non-profit art gallery and museum.

École St. Cecilia School is a French Immersion Catholic Elementary School for children from Kindergarten to Grade 6. The school serves most communities south of Glenmore Trail and east of McLeod Trail.

MAY MOON CALENDAR

 New Moon May 6	 First Quarter May 13	 Full Moon May 21	 Last Quarter May 29
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St. Bonaventure Junior High School

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St. Bonaventure's school community participated in a number of events throughout the month of May that reflected the school's mission of spirituality, citizenship, and excellence.

Spiritually, our students came together to support a number of "Adopt a Village" initiatives in an effort to support food and agriculture in Tanzania. These efforts are now complete, and we are pleased to announce that over \$1000 was raised. The school also joined to celebrate the Marian Mass. Sincere thanks to the St. Bonaventure Parish for continuing to guide us on our faith journey.

Academically, our Grade 9 students wrote Part A of their English Language Arts Provincial Achievement Test. As well, our Grade 8 students completed the District Religious Education Exam Part A, and a number of Grade 9 Math students participated in the University of Waterloo math contest.

St. Bonaventure's band program took part in the Calgary International Children's Festival. Additionally, our junior and senior band students visited our feeder schools to showcase their talents. Finally, the Fine Arts Showcase held at the school was an overwhelming success. Thanks to everyone who supported these events.

Athletically, St. Bonaventure's Hockey Canada Skills Academy Grades 7, 8, and 9 students played in the annual "Pond Hockey Tournament". A great display of skill and sportsmanship was shown by all. Well done and thanks to our coaches! Moreover, St. Bonaventure's Grade 7, 8, and 9 flag football teams participated in the city finals at Shouldice. Congratulations to students, athletes and coaches on a successful season and continued thanks to everyone who supports St. Bonaventure athletics!

Finally, St. Bonaventure's Learning Commons is a site to marvel. Once again, a sincere thanks to everyone involved in seeing the project through to completion. The Learning Commons will undoubtedly benefit countless students well into the future.



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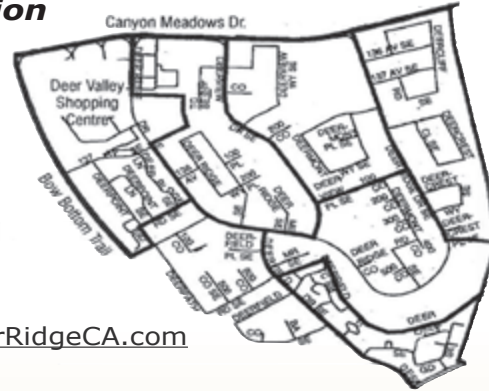
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You may contact the Deer Ridge Community Association by telephone: (403) 998-3144, email: DeerRidgeCA@gmail.com, or visiting the website: www.DeerRidgeCA.com. You may also like us on Facebook, and follow on twitter: @DeerRidgeCA.

ATCO Gas:

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Urban Pipeline Replacement Program necessary to meet growing natural gas service demands

As a resident in the Deer Ridge / Deer Run community, you may have noticed some construction by ATCO Gas or one of our contractors. ATCO Gas started installing a natural gas line in the community and Fish Creek Provincial Park on February 16, 2016.

This work is part of the Urban Pipeline Replacement (UPR) Program where new low-pressure gas lines are installed in residential areas and high-pressure natural gas lines are relocated from to non-residential areas alongside ring roads (Transportation/Utility Corridors.)

The portion of the project in your neighbourhood is scheduled to be complete by June with reclamation scheduled for summer 2016 and includes a new paved pathway to connect the Park to 146 Avenue along Bow Bottom Trail.

The project is scheduled to take place in three phases:

Phase 1: All work in Phase 1 will be contained in Fish Creek Provincial Park. A low-pressure natural gas line will be installed from an existing line in the Transportation/Utility Corridor near Sun Valley Boulevard to 146 Avenue SE. For a portion of the work, horizontal directional drilling (a trenchless method for installing underground pipeline) will be used to minimize impact to the Park.

Timeline: February 16, 2016 to April 2016, weather permitting

Phase 2: A low-pressure natural gas line to be installed along Bow Bottom Trail from 146 Avenue SE to south of Canyon Meadows Drive. Roadways will be temporarily

reduced in width as construction progresses along the project route. Customers along the route will be provided detailed detour information as construction progresses

Timeline: April 2016 – May 2016, weather permitting

Phase 3: A low-pressure natural gas line will be installed from Bow Bottom Trail along Parkwood Way and connecting to an existing line near Acadia Drive and Canyon Meadows Drive SE.

Timeline: June 2016 – August 2016, weather permitting

For up-to-date information on the project and maps outlining the work, residents are encouraged to visit the website: atcogas.com/upr or contact:

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PDF of map: www.atcopipelines.com/upr/Projects/Documents/Lake-Bonavista.pdf

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May 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, skate, or play shinny, plus with a membership 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. **The target reopen date is August 15, 2016.** Check

our Spring Summer Program Guide for **membership specials** and what to do at Trico while the pool is closed. We will be hosting a pool grand opening, so watch for details.

Registered Program for All Ages this Summer!

It might seem a bit early to think about summer, but we want you to know that we have more registered summer programs than we have ever had before. Adult fitness, adult small group training, older adult programs, parent & tot, preschool, children and youth. Register now for these new-to-summer programs plus check out summer day camps, 3-14 yrs, weekly or daily, full day, half, day, pre and post care.

Spring Programs for Adults

- May start adult fitness: Fit 101 and Strong is the New Skinny: Part 2
- More than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week. Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members. Many new land-based classes added during pool closure. See the Drop-In Fitness schedule at www.tricocentre.ca under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.
- Adult Wellness Workshops in April: Walking Pol Clinic (April 12, 1:30-3:30pm) and Yoga for Scoliosis (April 17, 1-3pm.)

Spring Health for Older Adults

- Bone Builders: Weight Training for Older Adults. Six-week

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Community Caring

Spring has finally sprung and the good weather means there are lots of great community initiatives and activities afoot. We have some amazing organizations in Calgary – Fish Creek, but two community initiatives I would like to applaud and feature are the Bonavista and Parkland Cares groups.

Both were formed last October when local volunteers noticed the growing need for social and community support. Since then, both Bonavista Cares and Parkland Cares have participated in a number of projects. Bonavista Cares assisted in a neighbourhood clean-up, they sponsored a family over the Christmas season through NeighbourLink, an organization that provides essential items to neighbours in need. Bonavista Cares is also working with the Syrian Refugee Community Connection, which connects new Syrian families with local families for one year to build relationships, friendships and to help with the transition to Calgary life.

Parkland Cares mission statement reflects the mandate of both of these organizations. It reads, "Parkland Cares is a community based organization of families and neighbours committed to helping others." Parkland Cares collected food that was donated to the Deer Park United Church's food bank, they organized homemade meals to support a family in crisis. In addition, Parkland Cares organized a card-making table at Park96's Easter Egg Hunt where children made cards that were sent to residents at the Canyon Meadows Retirement Residence. They also held a successful bake sale and promoted a community wide collection of mother and baby care items that were donated to Calgary Healthy Family Collaborative. Both groups will be participating in a Calgary Food Bank sorting evening including making children's Birthday Bags!

I am a firm believer that building strong communities builds a stronger city, province, and country. All of us can make a difference in the lives of others. Please look to where you can best assist within your community. For more information on Bonavista Cares or Parkland Cares, or to become involved in their next project please email bonavistacares@gmail.com or parklandcaresyyc@gmail.com. I know that together we can make a difference during these difficult times in the lives of friends, neighbours, and communities.

May at Trico Centre cont'd

class starts Tuesday, May 17 or Wednesday, May 18.

- 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.

Spring Activities for Families, Children, Youth

- Check out our Summer Day Camps for ages 3 to 14 years – registration now on.
- Lots of Drop-Ins: See 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 leisure skate, adult shinny, youth shinny, women's shinny, and stick & puck. Free for members. Fee for non-members.

Trico Centre is located at 11150 Bonaventure Drive SE. 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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE CALENDAR

Deerfoot Engagement: Thursday, June 23, 7-9pm

Engagement and communication with local officials is critical to my role, which is why I am pleased to partner with City Councillors Shane Keating and Peter Demong, along with other SE MLAs to host a Deerfoot Trail conversation. I encourage you to come, listen and connect with experts from the City and the Province on current and future developments affecting Deerfoot Trail commuters. (venue TBA)

MLA Café: Friday, May 13, 10am - 12pm

I am appreciative of the feedback and visits regarding the Budget Discussion during the roundtable budget sessions hosted in April. Please continue to share your feedback on what matters most in our communities and our province at the next MLA Café at my office, #7 1215 Lake Sylvan Drive SE.

Stampede BBQ: Saturday, July 9, 11am - 2pm

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Please join us on Saturday July 23, 2016 and Saturday August 20, 2016 for two free movie events at Yellow Slide Park.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a free night of food and entertainment for the whole family!

We need help planning and we need volunteers on the event days. Please contact Alana at 403.466.8100 to get involved.



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Greetings Ward 14!

Normally in May we would just be starting to venture out into the outdoors after our winter hibernation, but this year it feels like we have had several months of spring already.

Spring yard waste drop-off at City Landfills

There has also already been a month for you to bring your spring yard waste to City landfills free of charge. Why mention it now? Because you still have almost another full month left. All City landfills will be accepting leaves, branches, and plants until May 29, but make sure they are in a paper yard waste bag or left loose. Free mulch is also available at all City landfills until May 29. You can find details at calgary.ca/waste.

Preventing theft in Ward 14

I recently came upon some very interesting statistics courtesy of the Calgary Police Service. They broke down Calgary's break and enter (B & E) statistics by community. In all, Ward 14 fared well in comparison, but a couple of salient points were apparent. Almost half of residential B & Es were unforced entries, and the vast majority of garage B & Es were unforced. Can you imagine how much crime we could stop by just locking our doors?

Here are some crime prevention tips from the Police:

- Do not leave garage doors open
- Keep the door to your attached garage locked
- Keep your front, rear, and patio doors locked, even when at home
- Do not leave valuables near the entrances in your home
- Do not leave your vehicles unlocked when parked outside
- Do not leave your garage door opener in your vehicle
- Close all windows and doors at night

They may seem like common sense, but sometimes that seems less common than it ought to be.

Two more key points: do not be afraid to report suspicious activity to the police, and get involved with your local community association. The police visit them regularly to share information and hear concerns. You can contact the police at 403-266-1234 for non-emergencies, and at 911 for emergencies.

May Counciltalk

As always, thank you to everyone who turned out for my April Counciltalk meeting. I learn new things every time, and I hope others do too. There are only two more Council-



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FAMOUS FIVE DISTRICT

Thank you to so many who supported our District Carnival. It was a fun time and the money raised will be used by units in our district for camps, activities and program.

Did you hear, the Classic Cookies have arrived! Some units are going door to door, but if we've missed you, please contact Pat, isteads@telus.net with your address and we'll see that someone delivers your order to you. Cookies are the major fundraising for Girl Guides and your purchase allows us to provide programming that teaches self-respect, community awareness, safety, leadership and so much more.

Beginning June 1, 2015, new members will be able to register for the fall program start. Watch for more information in the coming months about registering your daughter for Girl Guides. Current members will be sent information about re-registering your daughter for the fall, please watch your emails or speak with your guider.

Would you like to become a leader for the fall? We're always looking for women to help. Why not start the registration process now, take advantage of some trainings offered in June and be ready for a fun time in September. Contact Pat, isteads@telus.net, for more info.



talks before the summer. We will meet on May 14 between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. at the Bonavista Downs Community Hall (1418 Lake Ontario Road S.E.). You will always be able to find details and future dates at calgary.ca/counciltalk, and I also send email reminders about upcoming Counciltalk sessions and other things. You can sign up for reminders at calgary.ca/ward14connect.

I hope you know that you can always contact me in a few different ways. For one, you can fill out the contact form at calgary.ca/ward14. You can also call or email. I do not usually include my phone number and email in the body of this column because they are shown in the header, but just in case they are: 403-268-1653 and eaward14@calgary.ca.

Goodbye for now!

your **COMMUNITY** business of the month

Anytime Fitness Deer Ridge

Deer Ridge Community

Anytime Fitness Deer Ridge is your NEW friendly neighbourhood gym in Deer Ridge! Whether you're a beginner or fitness fanatic, we welcome you to get to a healthier place!

Our club is brand new, a part of the Anytime Fitness Franchise and privately owned by us, Sandy and Cory Fisher. Our family has always enjoyed an active and adventurous lifestyle. We have been members of various fitness clubs for all of our adult lives. For a number of years, we lived in and visited many countries which satisfied our need for adventure. We are now back in Calgary to settle and very excited to start our next chapter – Anytime Fitness Deer Ridge!

It is because of our love of fitness and the importance we place on it for health and happiness that we decided to fulfill a lifelong dream of opening our very own Fitness Club. We welcome all members of this and surrounding communities to our 'home away from home'. We have a great environment for beginners, elite athletes, young and old. Our aim is to provide a clean, convenient, welcoming environment for our members that include exceptional fitness equipment and group fitness classes.

We offer convenience and culture. Over 2 million members choose Anytime Fitness. Why? Because it's convenient, affordable, and fun. And with 24/7 access to thousands of our clubs around the globe, you can work out on your terms. Fitness has never been so easy. We fit your busy schedule and on-the-go lifestyle. With your membership, you can work out when it's best for you—day or night! Our clubs are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

At Anytime Fitness you hold the key, literally. Access to our clubs is protected by our state-of-the-art security system and will only be granted with the proper key. Once inside, you have full use of cutting-edge strength training and cardio equipment.

Your Anytime Fitness membership allows you to visit thousands of clubs, at no extra cost. As a neighbourhood-

style fitness club, we are right where you need us. Close to home or close to work, we've got you covered.

Did I mention Personal Training? How fortunate we are to have Jackie Fiegel as part of our Anytime Family. She is an incredible and experienced personal trainer. Jackie provides a complimentary training session to all new members and is available to work with you to help you meet your fitness goals. And of course, one of the first faces you will see is Alexis - our H2i (Hired to Inspire). Another blessing for us! She is a bundle of knowledge and friendliness wrapped together in one package!

Most important of all, we have the BEST MEMBERS around! Thank you to each of you for coming in and training and being so friendly. You have made the club atmosphere everything that we hoped it would be! For that, we are grateful! What an amazing start! Keep training! We love to see you each day. Help make us the best gym on the planet!

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Last 12 Months Deer Ridge
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
March 2016	\$362,950.00	\$350,000.00
February 2016	\$414,900.00	\$401,000.00
January 2016	\$349,900.00	\$326,500.00
December 2015	\$314,900.00	\$300,000.00
November 2015	\$387,444.00	\$370,000.00
October 2015	\$344,950.00	\$335,000.00
September 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00
August 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00
July 2015	\$362,500.00	\$348,000.00
June 2015	\$369,900.00	\$365,500.00
May 2015	\$464,900.00	\$451,500.00
April 2015	\$407,500.00	\$401,250.00

Last 12 Months Deer Ridge MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
March 2016	6	2
February 2016	1	3
January 2016	3	1
December 2015	2	3
November 2015	7	2
October 2015	3	2
September 2015	4	0
August 2015	1	0
July 2015	2	5
June 2015	1	3
May 2015	5	4
April 2015	6	6

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