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August and September in Fish Creek

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Creek Provincial Park

Show your support for one of Calgary's most cherished green spaces by contributing to the Friends of Fish Creek's conservation efforts here in Fish Creek Provincial Park. Celebrate over 20 years of community based environmental stewardship in Fish Creek Provincial Park by attending A Taste of Autumn. Bid on amazing silent auction items, enjoy a variety of delicious appetizers, and meet with local producers of fine beer, wine and spirits. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase tickets. Sponsorship opportunities are available! To purchase tickets, contact the Friends of Fish Creek at 403-238-3841 or visit **www.friendsoffishcreek.org/event/autumn.**

Autumn Birding Course

Autumn is a good time to begin birding. As the leaves drop off the trees, many of the smaller birds, which will be migrating, are much easier to see. All sessions are held in the great outdoors - in Fish Creek Provincial Park and other natural areas in Calgary. Outings are conducted by Gus Yaki, a lifelong naturalist who has birded around the world - and other experienced instructors. Each outing is approx. 2.5 hours. 15-week course starts Aug 29. Registration Required and fees apply. For course times and to register visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/birding-course

Painting in Fish Creek

With the park as your backdrop, join the Friends in a restorative session of outdoor painting, facilitated by one of several experienced local artists. Three different classes are offered, all with a focus on acrylic media. **Capturing Nature**: Painting Day in the Park: Aug. 20, 9:00 am – 12, Instructed by Debbie.lee Miszaniec. **Painting in the Autumn Breeze**: Sep. 14, 5:00 – 7:30 pm, Instructed by Sylvia Prochownik.

Paint What You See: Sep. 24, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Instructed by Jim Pescott.

For more info or to register for these or other Wellness programs, including Yoga, Qi Gong and Full Moon Meditations, visit: www.friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/ wellness-clinics.



Last 12 Months Douglasdale Glen MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
July 2016	\$507,081.50	\$489,000.00
June 2016	\$509,900.00	\$497,500.00
May 2016	\$540,000.00	\$525,000.00
April 2016	\$479,900.00	\$469,000.00
March 2016	\$520,000.00	\$510,000.00
February 2016	\$500,950.00	\$494,500.00
January 2016	\$482,000.00	\$471,000.00
December 2015	\$434,900.00	\$428,500.00
November 2015	\$502,250.00	\$492,500.00
October 2015	\$449,500.00	\$439,500.00
September 2015	\$487,400.00	\$474,500.00
August 2015	\$554,900.00	\$545,250.00

Last 12 Months Douglasdale Glen MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

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	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold		
July 2016	21	16		
June 2016	19	13		
May 2016	25	11		
April 2016	14	11		
March 2016	19	15		
February 2016	14	12		
January 2016	16	6		
December 2015	7	6		
November 2015	12	8		
October 2015	11	10		
September 2015	18	16		
August 2015	13	8		

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August 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 (more than 55 in the summer months), 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 Grand Opening

This month we're excited to announce the re-opening of our pool (anticipated project completion of Aug 15, 2016). Once open, the pool will be available for members and patrons to drop-in and enjoy. Programmed swim lessons will begin in September.

At a projected cost of over 4.25 million (provided through government grants and lifecycle and reserve funds), aquatic centre improvements include: Myrtha pool liner (one of 2 in Alberta to have this technology), pool deck tile replacement, hot tub with expanded capacity, new play spray features, re-gelling of the waterslide, ceiling tiles to reduce sound reverberation, replacement of upper windows to energy efficient, glare-resistant panes and replacement of lighting to energy-efficient LED fixtures.

Summer Fun for Children & Youth

Summer Day Camps: Trico Centre is known for its summer camps. Want your child to have fun *and* learn over the summer? Quality themed camps. 3-14 yrs, weekly or daily, full day, half, day, pre and post care. See the Summer Program Guide or check www.tricocentre.ca for all the details.

Summer drop-ins include Drop-In Playtime (walking and up, Thursdays, 5-6:30pm), Drop-In Craft (2 yrs and up, Tuesdays, 5-6:30pm) Drop-In Dodgeball (15 yrs +, Wednesday, 7:15-8:15pm.) Check the Summer 2016 Program Guide for details.

Fall/Winter Program Guide and Registration

Member registration begins August 2 and 3 (ongoing.) General Public: August 4 and ongoing. Trico has something for everyone! Swimming lessons, skating lessons, adult fitness, older adult fitness and wellness, parent & tot, preschool, children & youth. Lots of new programs; see www.tricocentre.ca for a pdf of the Fall/Winter Program Guide or pick up a copy at Trico Centre.

New for Fall: Adults

Ballet Barre Blast: A unique blend of dance, Pilates, yoga, and cardio moves—it's a kick for the midline, glutes, and legs. Myofascial Stretch and Release: Maximize your mobility and reduce pain. Also new is The Focus Series -Goal-focused small groups that are affordable and fun! Groups include fat burning, healthy back & joints, basics, power lifting and strength training.

New for Fall: Tots/Preschoolers

Combo classes: Art N' Gymnastics (4-6 yrs), Funky Fridays (3-5 yrs) - Each week focuses on a different theme inspired by science experiments, music, cooking, crafts, or sports, and includes a supervised dip in the pool for the last half hour. Kangaroos and Krocodiles (3-5 yrs.) Get ready, get wet...go! This program starts in the gym with games, sports, songs, and tons of fun—and finishes up with a swim lesson!

New for Fall: Youth

Hip Hop (6-10 yrs): learn how to Hip Hop to the beat in this grooving dance class. Gym n' Swim Fridays (6-10 yrs & 10-14 yrs): This high-energy program starts with active games and play in the gym and ends with free water play in the pool! Perfect fun for Friday!

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.



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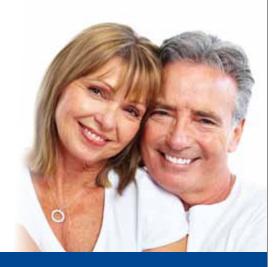
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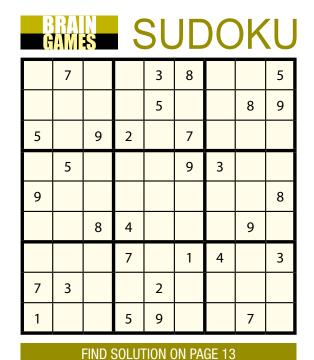


Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool

As we begin another exciting school year, we extend a big welcome to both new and returning students. Our wonderful teacher, Mrs. Killam, is looking forward to her 35th year with Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool!

September is a month of getting acquainted with the new students, rekindling old friendships and making new ones, and establishing preschool routines. Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool has a bright and cheerful atmosphere that creates a wonderful environment for learning, playing and having fun.

Parents please mark your calendar for the Parent Orientation Night: Thursday, September 6th at 7:00 pm at the preschool.





Suzanne Smith-Demers – Consultant

The hand-off. It's the simplest play in a football coach's playbook. But as any sports fan knows, even the simplest play can go wrong for any number of reasons. The same could be true of your family cottage hand-off.

To help you avoid potential obstacles like excessive taxation and maybe even some surprising opposition, here's how to perform a cottage hand-off that ensures it will stay in your family's hands for a long time.

Call the right play

A successful hand-off starts with everyone on your "team" being on side. Talk to all of your family to see if there are those who do not want ownership responsibilities, you can help avoid future family squabbles by solving them now.

Elude potential blockers

Plan now to manage future tax liabilities. When you die, you're deemed to have disposed of your capital assets at fair market value – meaning that your heirs could face significant tax on the appreciation of the cottage.

A less-taxing hand-off

Transfer the property to your kids while you are alive, either as an outright gift or by selling it to them at fair market value. Payments can be made receivable over a five year period and claim the capital gains reserve, so that only 20% of the capital gain is taxable in any one year. Also, consider using the principal residence.

Alternatively, transfer the property to a trust to trigger an immediate capital gain. Future capital gains on the property will then accrue and not be payable until the property is sold.

Insure your hand-off

Cover cottage capital gains – and other estate debts – with permanent life insurance. A tax-free death benefits can provide an essential source of cash so your family won't be forced to sell assets, such as your cottage.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Flood Resiliency

The City is committed to making Calgary a safe, flood resilient community. The 2013 flood caused significant social and economic disruption and unprecedented damages. The road from recovery to resiliency is a complex, long term process over many years with short, medium and long term milestones.

We've Recovered

We are building back stronger from the 2013 flood. 75% of the 217 flood recovery projects have been completed and many of them have flood resiliency improvements.

For example, our riverbanks are stabilized and stronger. With all critical and high-priority sites completed and all moderate priority sites to be completed by 2017, Calgary is at less risk of riverbank erosion, has greater flood level protection and is able to reduce damages from smaller, more frequent flood events.

We're Prepared

To make Calgary more resilient to future events, The City is implementing the 27 recommendations from the Expert Management Panel on River Flood Mitigation.

- 8 recommendations completed
- 17 recommendations in progress
- 2 recommendations to be started next year

For example, The City is making infrastructure improvements to the Glenmore Dam, including increasing the height of its gates. In 2019, Calgary will have new steel gates and an elevated hoist system on the Glenmore Dam. This will allow The City greater flexibility to mitigate flood events and reduce damages downstream of the dam including the downtown core, while increasing Calgary's water supply.

We're Moving Forward

We recognize the significant scale of impact and the considerable investments needed for further flood mitigation. To ensure we have the best suite of mitigation measures and adequate funding The City is working with Calgarians, stakeholders and other orders of government on additional flood mitigation solutions.

For additional details on how we have recovered, are prepared and moving forward, please visit calgary.ca/ floodinfo.

Backyard Fire Safety tips from your Calgary Fire Department

Enjoying a recreational fire in your backyard can be a great way to spend a summers evening. Here are some Safety and bylaw considerations for you.

- Always confirm that a Fire Ban is not in effect before starting a fire for recreational purposes.
- Fires may only be burned in fire pits between 10 a.m. and 1 a.m.

Rules for fire pits

- Backyard fire pits should be built into the ground, on brick or stone, or in a fire-proof container. Portable fire pits may be used on a deck as long as they sit on brick or stone, and not directly on your wooden deck. Always refer to the Fire pit manufacturer for approved fir pit locations.
- 2. Fire pits must be at least two metres away from your property line, house, garage, or fence.
- 3. Fire pits must **NOT** be under any trees, branches, plants or other materials that can catch fire.
- 4. All fires in your fire pit must be kept to a reasonable size; 1 metre high and wide. This helps to ensure embers, sparks or smoke don't harm anyone or cause a nuisance to your neighbours.
- 5. Only burn clean, dry firewood. Do NOT burn:
- Wood that is painted, treated or contains glue or resin
- Wet or green/fresh cut wood
- Yard waste (cut grass or leaves)
- Garbage
- Rubber or plastic
- Furniture
- 6. Always have a way to extinguish the fire in the event of an emergency. Easy options are having your watering hose or a bucket of water nearby.
- 7. All fires in your fire pit must never be left unattended.

Aside from safety considerations, not following these rules can lead to fines of \$500, \$1000 or even \$5000. For more information, go to Calgary.ca/fire.



The Over-achieving Swainson's Hawk

Article by Cheryl Bowman and Andrea S. H. Hunt. Photo by Andrea S. H. Hunt

Swainson's Hawks are commonly seen raptors that live in southern Alberta from May – October. They are a medium sized hawk (50 centimetres long) that can be identified by a distinctive dark reddish bib on their chest, pointed wingtips (in flight) and dark bars on the underside of their tails. Swainson's Hawks live in prairie and grasslands, including crop and grazing lands.

Fun Facts:

- Swainson's Hawks have one of the longest migratory routes of any North American raptor.
- These hawks can travel over 20,000 km annually between their breeding grounds in Alberta and their wintering grounds in South America (Uruguay, Paraguay and Argentina).
- The diet of a Swainson's Hawk changes depending on the time of year.
- When nesting in the summer months, they eat rodents but Swainson's Hawks switch to grasshoppers in September and October (about 100 per day!) in order to transition

to their largely insectivore diet in South America.

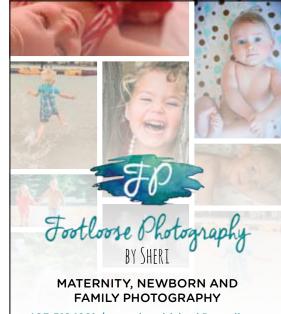
- Look out for these hawks in farmer's fields in the autumn, chasing grasshoppers on foot!
- Swainson's Hawks are also known as locust or grasshopper hawks.
- Swainson's Hawks are protected under Alberta's Wildlife Act.
 A group of migrating or soaring hawks is called a kettle. A kettle can contain tens of thousands of individuals.
- A young hawk is called an eyas.

Did you know?

• Fledgling Swainson's Hawks are quite heavy and often crash on their first flight out of the nest, which can break their wings.

If you find an injured or orphaned Swainson's Hawk, please call our wildlife hotline 403-239-2488 or bring it to our wildlife hospital in the northwest of Calgary (www. calgarywildlife.org).





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September 3 to 4 - X-Fest Calgary: This year, X-Fest has an impressive lineup of contemporary musicians. Headliners at the festival include Twenty One Pilots, The Lumineers, Halsey, Vance Joy and Arkells. www.xfestcalgary.com

- September 9 Calgary Night Market: Running roughly every second weekend, this night market is a chance to sample local food, shop at vendors' booths and listen to buskers and other live performers. www.facebook.com/ events/1104858596212708
- September 10 to 11 One Love Music Festival: The One Love Music Festival is Western Canada's Largest Hip Hip Music Festival! Featuring Big Sean, Lil' Wayne, Tyler, The Creator and more. www.onelovefestival.ca
- September 13 to October 1 Waiting For the Parade: Waiting For the Parade is a Canadian production that centres around five Calgarian women living during the Second World War. www.atplive.com

September 14 to 18 – Beakerhead: Science and engineering meet art and design when Beakerhead takes over the city for its fourth year. There are going to be more than 60 events that combine science, engineering and art. www.beakerhead.com

September 20 - The YWCA Walk a Mile In Her Shoes: Each September, more than 200 men strap on highheeled shoes to help raise awareness of family violence. Money raised supports the work that the YWCA of Calgary does to help break the cycle of domestic violence and keep women and children safe. www.ywcaofcalgary.com September 21 to October 2 - Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF): The Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) is a 12-day showcase of up to 200 multigenre films from Canada and over 40 other countries. The

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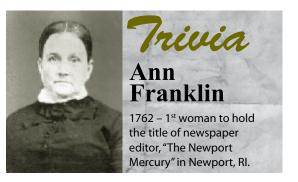
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Chip in "Fore" Communities on August 12!

Support Calgary's community associations by joining the Federation of Calgary Communities on Friday, August 12 at the Canal at Delacour Golf Club for their 4th Annual Chip in Fore Communities Golf Tournament, presented by Save-on-Foods!

One of the most affordable golf tournaments in the city, at only \$160 for an individual or \$600 for a foursome, Chip in Fore Communities includes lunch, a round of golf with a power cart, a delicious dinner, amazing prizes, and most importantly, a day of fun!

This golf tournament will help raise funds for the Federation of Calgary Communities to continue providing programs and services that help community associations build capacity, support and mobilize residents, be on the front lines of important issues in their community, and improve neighbourhood life in Calgary.

Visit calgarycommunities.com for more information or to register today!



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Kyla	13	403-697-9764	Yes	
Elena	13	403-263-3809	Yes	
Jordan	14	403-288-0220	Yes	
Melissa	14	403-455-4402	Yes	
Brooklyn	16	403-236-1440	Yes	
Lauren	16	403-203-4480	Yes	
Elizabeth	16	403-771-8215	Yes	
Kaitlin	16	403-258-3153	Yes	
Caitlyn	18	403-203-4480	Yes	
Michelle	18	403-455-4402	Yes	
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Alberta Health Care	403.310.0000
AHS Addictions Hotline	1.866.332.2322
ATCO Gas – 24 Hour Emergency	403.245.7222
Calgary HEALTH LINK 24/7	811
Calgary Police – Non Emergency	403.266.1234
Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter	403.234.7233
Child Abuse Hotline	1.800.387.5437
Kids Help Line	1.800.668.6868
Child Safe Canada	403.202.5900
Distress/Crisis Line	403.266.4357
NMAX – Power Trouble	403-514-6100
Poison Centre - Alberta	1-800-332-1414
HOSPITALS / URGENT CARE	
Alberta Children's Hospital	403.955.7211
Foothills Hospital	403.944.1110
Peter Lougheed Centre	403.943.4555
Rockyview General Hospital	403.943.3000
Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre	403.955.6200
South Calgary Urgent Care Health Centre	403.943.9300
South Health Campus	403.956.1111
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Calgary Humane Society	403.205.4455
Calgary Parking Authority	403.537.7000
SeniorConnect	403.266.6200
Calgary Kerby Elder Abuse Line	403.705.3250
Alberta One-Call Corporation	1.800.242.3447
City of Calgary	311
Social Service Info & Referral	211
Community Mediation Calgary Society	403.269.2707
RNR Lockworks Ltd.	403.479.6161
Road Conditions – Calgary	511
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The City is reviewing the Community Standards Bylaw to ensure that it still meets the needs of citizens. We want your feedback, please send your ideas to improve the Community Standards Bylaw to CSBreview@ calgary.ca. Let's continue making communities across the city the best they can be.



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