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Degrees of burn

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

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

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

First Aid for burns

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

Prevention of burns

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



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Kaitlin	16	403-258-3153	Yes
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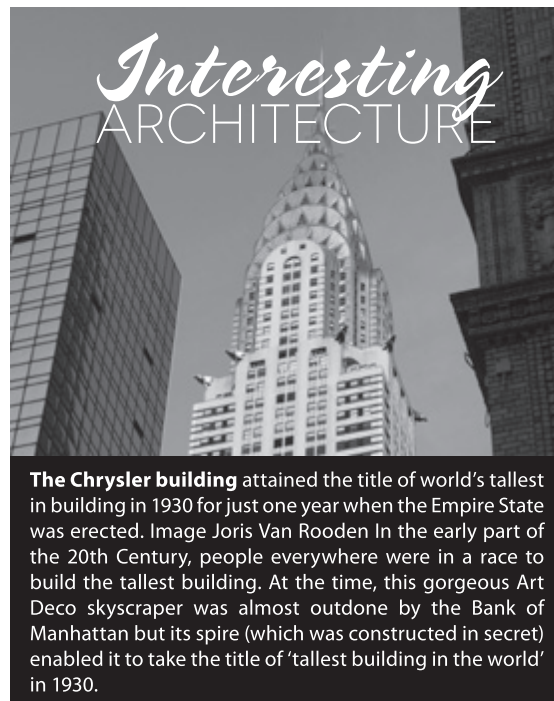
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The Chrysler building attained the title of world's tallest in building in 1930 for just one year when the Empire State was erected. Image Joris Van Rooden In the early part of the 20th Century, people everywhere were in a race to build the tallest building. At the time, this gorgeous Art Deco skyscraper was almost outdone by the Bank of Manhattan but its spire (which was constructed in secret) enabled it to take the title of 'tallest building in the world' in 1930.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

March is Community Association Membership Awareness Month!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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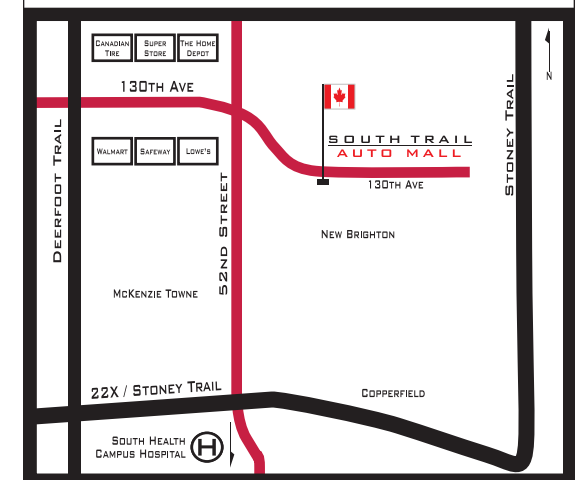
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Looking for Ways to Support Refugees?

In October 2015, our Federal Government responded to crisis overseas and made a commitment to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees in Canada by the end of March 2016. Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS), an organization who has been involved in refugee resettlement for over 30 years, is a community leader with a mission to "...work in partnership with the community to help immigrants and refugees settle and become contributing members of Canadian society".

Thus, they have created a helpful and interactive website, www.srcacalgary.ca where you can find information on how to volunteer, donate or simply catch up on related news. If you are interested or just want to find out more check out the website or call 211 and help support settlement and integration of our new neighbours!

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IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

Lenten activities underway at École St. Cecilia School

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

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

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

Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool

This month our 3-year-old students will be learning about nursery rhymes and what lives in the sea. Our 4-year-old students will be learning about space. They will be going on the big yellow bus to the Telus Spark Science Centre where they will have a chance to use their natural curiosity and creativity to learn more about the world around them.

The students will be off for spring break on March 18th and we will welcome them back on March 29th.

We still have a few spots available in our classes for next year – please call for a tour of the school. Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool has so much to offer to your child. It has been designed to allow your children to develop and grow in a nurturing environment. Some of the curriculum includes structured and child-led activities, circle time, daily craft time and nutritional snacks just to name a few. We offer reasonable rates by operating as a cooperative and non-profit preschool. Our preschool is also non-denominational. A subsidy is available if required. If you would like more information about Mapleridge Preschool please contact us at 403-278-9594, mapleridgepreschool@hotmail.com, or visit our website at www.mapleridgepreschool.com.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Relocation of Midnapore Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off

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

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

Evergreen Fire Station 37
2511 Eversyde Avenue S.W.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

March at Trico Centre

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

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

Pool Refurbishment

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

Price Freeze

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

Adults

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

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

Older Adults

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

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

Families, Children & Youth

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

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



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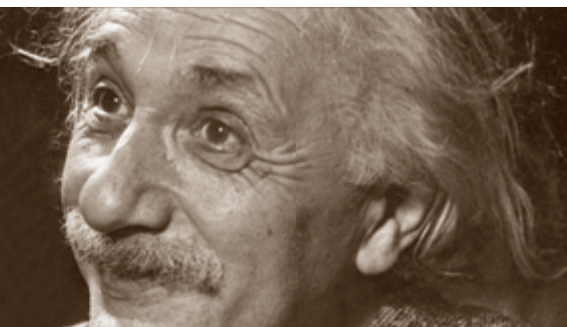
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- **April 11 to 13 - Dance at Noon:** The junior students in the University of Calgary Dance program's choreography and performance concentration showcase their original compositional work. www.scpa.ucalgary.ca
- **April 11 to 17 - Calgary Underground Film Festival:** The festival has been carefully programmed to include thought-provoking, entertaining and sometimes obscure movies of all genres that defy conventions. www.calgaryundergroundfilm.org
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YOUR COMMUNITY business of the month

The Station Pub and Grill Quarry Park - Riverbend Community

It can be said that no neighbourhood is complete without a neighbourhood pub and The Station Pub and Grill fits the bill perfectly for the community of Riverbend and its surrounding environs. In operation for over 20 years, the Station is not only a place to grab a drink and a bite to eat, but a place to relax, meet your neighbours, and to enjoy the warm and intimate atmosphere. Whether you come for live music, to watch sporting events on the large HD TVs, play pool on one of three pool tables, try your luck on the VLTs, or show off your vocal range on Karaoke Sundays, The Station is the place to be on any night of the week.

Under new management since 2015, the new owners appreciate the history of the pub, but are hard at work making changes that will bring the establishment up to their high standards. With an emphasis on superior customer service and a high quality of food and drink offerings, they are working with the existing clientele to make this a pub that the community can not only be proud of, but can call their own. A new menu will be launched very soon, a brand new draught beer system has already been installed, and renovations are well on their way to being completed.

General Manager Daniel Murphy has been in the hospitality industry for 12 years and is excited to be a part of the new ownership team. "It's such a beautiful room with so much character and history, you can't really build that these days. We are doing renovations but we're not making it too slick, we want to maintain that 'pub' feel."

When asked how customers are liking the changes he responds "I receive emails almost weekly from our patrons telling me how much they like the changes, whether it's a compliment on service, a new menu item,

or a new beer we launched on tap...the response has been great, and that's truly rewarding for us to hear."

Daniel also mentioned that The Station will be having a grand re-opening party on February 19th and 20th featuring beer tastings, free samplings off the new menu and a DJ. "We welcome everyone in the neighbourhood to come down and check out the new Station! And make sure you come introduce yourself!"

Stop by your favourite local anytime, check out the new changes and have a drink with friends. The staff at The Station would love to see you and they're eager to show you what the future holds at their pub!



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Royalty Review

The Royalty Review Panel's report was released and the government will not raise royalty rates on the oil sands sector of the industry. The panel determined that Albertans are getting a fair and equitable return on our resources. I have always maintained this so it was nice to hear the panel agree. However, the panel is unable to tell crude oil, natural gas, and liquids producers what rate they will pay once allowable expenses are recouped. The outcome of this review has yielded minor tweaks to an otherwise competitive royalty regime – tweaks that were hardly worth the stress this process placed on our energy sector at such a challenging time.

LGBTQ Guidelines

The Education Minister issued guidelines to help create respectful and safe learning environments. www.education.alberta.ca/media/1626737/91383-attachment-1-guidelines-final.pdf

I give the Minister credit for trying to protect all kids including LGBTQ kids in school. I think we can all agree on that. However, I have heard from several parents who are concerned with what they read in the guidelines and some parents are unclear how these guidelines will affect their children's experiences in the school system.

The guidelines are intended for school boards to assist them to draft their own policies. I hope the Education Minister will help ensure that misunderstandings about the intent of the policy are cleared up promptly and to everyone's satisfaction.

I encourage parents to contact their school board and school councils directly to help write the policy that reflects their concerns.

Events & Visits

I had the extreme pleasure of visiting with the grade 6 classes from Monsignor JS Smith School. The kids were well prepared and peppered me with questions on a full range of issues. Visiting school classes is a favourite part of my job. Young people of today will do a great job of

leading the world in a few short years. There may even be a future Mayor, Premier or Prime Minister among them!

65th Annual B'nai Brith Dinner

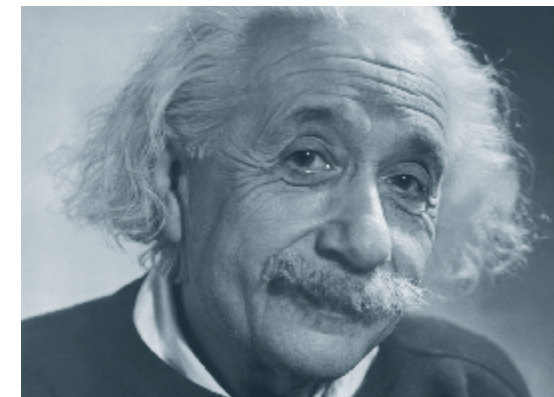
B'nai Brith, a charitable organization originating in the Jewish community, honours two people every year at a fundraiser. This year they honoured David Frum and Jason Kenney. As a fellow representative of the communities in Calgary Hays it was nice to see Jason recognized for his work in Calgary and internationally on our behalf. Congratulations to both David and Jason.

YMCA

The Crowfoot YMCA was renamed the Melcor YMCA at Crowfoot at a ceremony in January. We have a new YMCA under construction in Quarry Park, scheduled to open this summer. I look forward to the new facility and I am proud to have put it on the agenda during my time on city council.

Keeping in Contact

Please continue to stay in touch with me on issues that affect you and your family. As your MLA, I am your voice in the Alberta Legislature and I am here to help you. Please contact me or my assistant Donna Elms, at the Calgary Hays Constituency Office.



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2016 Assessment Reminder

Residents were mailed their 2016 property assessments in January. Calgarians can appeal their assessments for a 90 day period. This period ends on March 7, 2016.

If you have questions regarding your assessment:

- Call the Assessment Department at 403-268-2888
- Visit The City of Calgary Assessment page at calgary.ca/assessment

Making Calgary's Streets Safer

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

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

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

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

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

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