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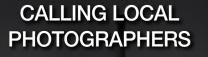












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#### August at Trico Centre

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#### Day Camps

Register now for summer day camps: ages 3 to 14; full day and half-day camps, early care and late care.
Don't need a full week of camp? Come to daily camps for a full day or half day, 6-12 years and NEW this summer for 3-5 years too!

Camp leaders are experienced, trained and committed. Each camp has 1 or more leaders and volunteers.
Featured camps for 6-12 years: Canada 150 Play, Discover Calgary, Harry Potter Camp, and Just for Girls. Cool Camps for preschoolers include Sportarama, Nature Wonders, Kinder Karate, and Mini Chefs.

#### Adults/Older Adults

Summer adult registered fitness: Focus on Powerlifting, Focus on Learning the Basics, Strong is the New Skinny: Weight Training for Women by Women, Straighten Up Posture Series, and Myofascial Stretch and Release.
First Aid and CPR training: August dates, check Spring Summer Program Guide for details.

• Summer registered programs for older adults: Balance Builders Level 1 (Fall Prevention), Balance Builders Level 2 (Bones and Balance), Chair Yoga, Straighten Up Posture Series.

#### **Children & Youth**

• Summer registered child and youth programs: Summer Outdoor Soccer (16-24 months, 2-3 years, 3-5 years, 6-8 years), Dance with Me (2-3 years with parent), Gotta Dance (3-5 years), Little Ballerina 3-5 years), Kinder Gym Kids (4-6 years), Sportarama (3-4 years),



Explorasport (4-6 years), DANCEPL3Y Kids (6-12 years.) See Spring Summer Program Guide or www.tricocentre.ca for details.

- Register now for summer swim lessons: parent & tot, preschool, Swimmer, and Swim Patrol.
- July 17-21 is registered skating and hockey week: skating lessons all levels, intro to hockey (4-5years, 6-8 years, adult & child) and powerskating/hockey (7-12 years.)
- NEW SUMMER FUN: Summer-only fun registered programs for kids aged 6 and up: Rhythmic Gymnastics, Circus Arts, Cross Country Running, Badminton Club, and Dodgeball. See www.tricocentre.ca for details.

#### Canada 150 Play List Event at Trico Centre

• Saturday, September 2 from 10am to 2pm – come to Trico Centre and complete 20+ events from the Canada 150 Play List including dodgeball, boxing, rowing, skating, karate, Pilates, cycling, tag, kinball, stick pull, and more. Check www.tricocentre.ca for details in the coming weeks.

#### **Registration for Fall Programs**

• Registration for Fall programs is ongoing. Check the new program guide – online and in our stands.

Trico Centre is located at 11150 Bonaventure Drive SE. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see www.tricocentre.ca to find out more.





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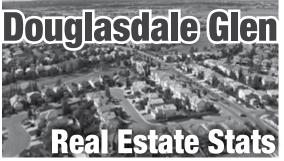


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City of Calgary	311
ocial Service Info & Referral	211
community Mediation Calgary Society	403-269-2707
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Road Conditions – Calgary Neather Information	511
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#### Last 12 Months Douglasdale Glen MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price	
June 2017	\$484,900	\$475,000	
May 2017	\$543,975	\$543,975	
April 2017	\$449,900	\$438,750	
March 2017	\$481,450	\$480,750	
February 2017	\$465,000	\$459,280	
January 2017	\$439,888	\$425,000	
December 2016	\$490,944	\$479,000	
November 2016	\$535,000	\$516,000	
October 2016	\$469,350	\$465,000	
September 2016	\$467,400	\$460,000	
August 2016	\$499,900	\$479,500	
July 2016	\$507,082	\$489,000	

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

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	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
June 2017	17	17
May 2017	26	13
April 2017	19	16
March 2017	13	14
February 2017	15	9
January 2017	10	9
December 2016	4	8
November 2016	11	9
October 2016	13	14
September 2016	15	12
August 2016	11	14
July 2016	17	16

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **douglasdale\_glen.great-news.ca** 

#### SCHOOL SHOUT-OUTS

#### Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool

Congratulations Graduates of 2017! The year-end party for all our preschool students were a huge success. We had a great time at Lake Bonavista filled with fun, laughter and playing at the beach.

We would like to extend our appreciation to all the parents, families and friends who have supported our preschool during the past year. As a cooperative, we could not have done it without you all! A special thank you to Mrs. Killam and Mrs. Marshall as they have both put so much love and dedication into all of the lessons and activities for the students.

Please mark your calendars for the new school year parent orientation at the school on Thursday, September 7th. We currently have a few morning and afternoon class spots left so please contact us if you are interested in enrolling your child at the preschool. You can email us at info@mapleridgepreschool.com, find us on Facebook or call 403-278-9594. Be sure to check out our website as well at www.mapleridgepreschool.com.

Have a wonderful summer!





#### CALGARY PRIDE PARADE 6 AVE. AND 6 ST. SW SEPTEMBER 3, NOON – 1:30

The signature Calgary Pride Parade is one of the most colourful celebrations of the year! More info: calgarypride.ca. 

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This year's traveling carnival of local food, beer, music, art and performers will be proudly hosted at Currie. Currie boasts Canadian Pride, and to help further amplify the celebratory energy from Canada's 150th anniversary. More info: circlethewagons.ca.



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Hundreds of men and women will step onto Stephen Ave. in high heels to show their support for women and children who are victims of family violence. More info: walkamile.ca.



# YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

#### The Market on Stephen Avenue – Tuesdays until Sept. 5, 11 am – 5 pm

Bring your enviro bags and coolers! You'll find up to 60 vendors; from fresh food (produce, breads, pastries, etc) spices, sauces, treats, art, fashion, jewelry and so much more! Found on Stephen Avenue between 1 Street East and 2 Street West. More info: inquiries@dmeinc.ca.

Honens Festival – Various Venues, Sept. 7 – Sept. 10 The award-winning Honens Festival returns for a four-day festival of music with a side of maple syrup! To mark Canada's 150th birthday, this celebration of piano showcases some of the country's brightest classical music stars alongside Honens Laureates through innovative performance projects and dynamic community concerts. More info: honens.com.

#### Beakerhead – Various Locations, Sept. 13 – Sept. 17

One of the world's most original spectacles of art, science and engineering, will erupt this September when the fourth annual Beakerhead hits Calgary. Look for mechanical creatures, multi-story art installations, famous and soon-to-be famous scientists and inventors, and performances by people and machines. The dose of quirky spectacle will include more than 65 events. More info: beakerhead.com.

#### Techstock 2017 - 3553 31 Street NW, Sept. 14

This is an annual event hosting 30+ start-up companies and researchers who showcase their innovations to the public. This year they explore how technology and social innovations are making a profound impact on our society and driving change in areas such as sustainability, health, education, gender equality and more. More info: innovatecalgary.com/events/ techstock/

#### Railway Days – Heritage Park, Sept. 23 - 24

There is fun for the whole family at Railway Days! As one of the few sites in North America with two steam locomotives, our trains take centre stage for two days with demonstrations, hands-on activities, and exciting exhibits. More info: heritagepark.ca.

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#### HOME GARDENING WITH BARBARA

#### **Spring Flowering Bulbs**

Gardeners have vision. All gardeners, not just the ones we admire and envy. You, me, the neighbour next door. What else would you call it when an ordinary person buys a bag of bulbs in the fall, buries them in the ground, and believes they will produce amazing blooms in 7 or 8 months?

The garden centres will have an abundance of bulbs in stock soon and your biggest decision is what to choose. There are literally thousands of bulbs on the shelves and most of us have limited garden space. The most common hardy spring-flowering bulbs for a Calgary garden are tulip, narcissus/daffodil, allium, iris, crocus, grape hyacinth and squill. The last three are petite and bloom early in the spring, the others show up later, and the irises finish their display in June. Technically, iris grows from a rhizome, but you can treat it like a bulb when planting in the fall. In addition to this list, you can find many more exotic bulbs, just don't expect them to return year after year in our climate.

There are two kinds of tulips that survive here: species (or native) and hybridized. The species tulips should spread into established colonies, returning every year. The large hybrids are more showy and popular with gardeners, but often are best only their first year. My wonderful show of huge pink tulips a few years ago has never been repeated and I fondly remember them as annuals.

If you wish to have a show of continuous color throughout the spring (of course you do) read the labels carefully, and choose from early, mid and late spring vari-





eties. Then check the labels again for height, as they come in 6" all the way to 28" sizes. How silly to put the tall ones in the front and the short ones behind out of sight. Then there are singles, doubles, lily-flowered, fringed and parrot types, to mention only a few. There are actually 15 divisions of tulip classifications, so it is no wonder the casual gardener gets a bit bewildered. Alliums, likewise, have many varieties, and provide colour between tulips and daffodils and later blooming summer flowers.

Bulbs of all varieties look best in mass plantings of solid colors or two complementary colors. No nice tidy rows, please, unless they are being used for cut flowers; a block of color has far more impact. What colors you choose is strictly personal - plant what looks beautiful to your eye. A sunny spot is best, although some varieties are forgiving and will bloom later in partial shade. Because they are among the earliest color in our Chinook gardens, tulips partner nicely with other bulbs like Muscari (Grape Hyacinth), Scilla (Squill) and dwarf Narcissus.

Get your bulbs in the ground in Sept or October; they need some time to root before the ground freezes. If you share your garden with squirrels, cover the new planting with wire mesh secured by stakes or rocks to keep those little paws from digging them up. Squirrels are particularly fond of tulip bulbs. And while you are at it, be sure to add some new ones in your front yard for the pleasure of your friends and neighbours.

Barbara Shorrock is a gardener, retired realtor, traveler, reader, ESL coach and Spanish student. She can be found at the monthly Queensland Garden Club meeting most first Wednesdays.

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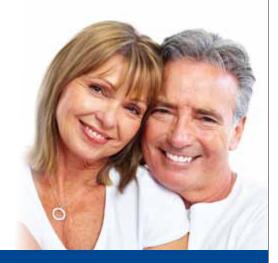
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I'm selling my house, and the listing agreement says I have to pay my real estate agent commissions if my place sells after the agreement ends. Is that legal?

It sounds like you're referring to the "holdover" clause, which is found in most residential listing agreements (seller representation agreements) in Alberta. And yes, holdover clauses are legal.

A holdover clause permits your real estate brokerage to collect its fee or commission from you if you enter into a purchase contract with a buyer within a specific number of days after your listing agreement ends and that buyer was introduced to your property during the term of the listing agreement. The length of the holdover period is negotiable between you and your real estate professional.

When a real estate professional lists your home, your listing agreement sets out that you will pay your brokerage in the event your home sells.

Imagine you have a 90-day listing agreement. On day 88, your real estate professional arranged for a showing of your home to a buyer. The buyer liked it, but had to think about it for a few days. On day 91, the buyer decides they want to buy your home. That buyer only knew about your home being for sale because of the listing you had on it with your real estate professional.

Assume you didn't extend your listing agreement, on day 91, your home is no longer officially for sale but you still want to sell. The buyer that viewed your home on day 88 writes on Offer to Purchase for your home, and you accept their offer.

Now the holdover clause kicks in.

Because you're selling your home to a buyer who was introduced to it during the term of your listing agreement, the holdover clause requires you to pay your real estate brokerage the commission you agreed to in your listing agreement.

Your real estate professional did what they set out to do – they sold your home for a price with which you were happy. They deserve, and have every right, to be paid for their work.

The holdover clause also protects a real estate brokerage's commission in the unlikely event a buyer and seller want to work together to get a deal done, but they wait until just after the listing agreement ends merely so they don't have to pay commission. If in such a case the buyer was introduced to the seller's property during the term of the listing, the real estate professional deserves to be compensated for their work. Side deals between a seller and that buyer shouldn't affect the ability of the seller's real estate brokerage to collect its commission.

"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.

#### RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES



#### **5 Spelling Tips for Summer**

Summer's for slowing down, but not for shutting down! We want to keep our kids sharp, ready, and excited for the new school year. Here are five spelling tips you can do with your kids to improve their spelling skills this summer. Remember, all language arts skills – reading, writing, listening, and speaking – are related. When you read, write, speak, and listen with your child, you're strengthening those spelling skills. Try incorporating these five great spelling game ideas into your child's summer routine and watch their spelling skills improve by leaps and bounds!

- 1. Do a scavenger hunt. Find items that begin with a certain letter. First to find ten items wins an extra ten minutes of bedtime story reading. Bedtime reading is precious.
- Be an artist. With your children, draw or cut out pictures of people, items, and events that start with a certain letter. Be creative and exaggerated for emphasis and vocabulary-building. "F is for fireworks, fishing, frolicking, fast footraces, freedom, fresh fruit, family, friends, and fields full of flawless flowers." Exhibit these pictures for the whole family to appreciate.
- 3. Play word games in the car. Kids really don't need to be in front of a screen all the time. For each five minutes on a ride, spot as many items as you can that begin with a certain letter. Make a list. After five minutes, change the letter.
- 4. Keep a summer journal. Writing helps spelling like no other activity.
- 5. Have a pen pal. Kids love getting mail. Snail mail is more fun than email, and it gives your children something to look forward to!

Remember, summer is the perfect time to relax, but it's also important to keep your kids on track. There is no reason to be bored this summer when there are endless, fun and educational spelling activities. Enjoy!

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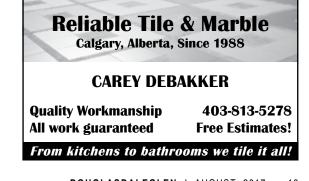
 Free announcements: lost/found, household items for sale, wanted, garage sale, student/senior services, etc.
 Forty word limit

ACOUSTIC MUSIC NEIGHBORHOOD JAM: Come on out to a circle jam if you play guitar, mandolin, banjo fiddle or bass. Bring your favorite gospel, folk, bluegrass, country songs, or a song you've written yourself. Dates set by interested participants. More info: beabrightlight@yahoo.ca.

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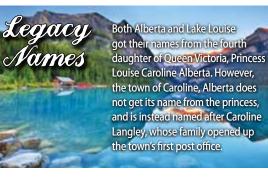


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#### **Backyard Fire Safety tips** from your Calgary Fire Department

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.

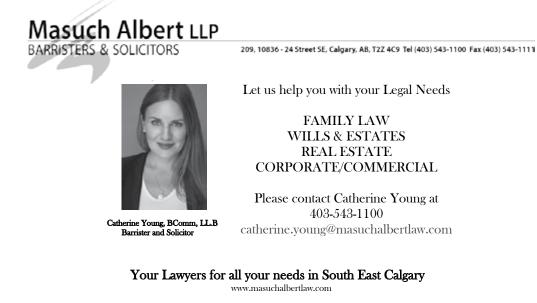
- Always confirm that a Fire Ban is not in effect before starting a fire for recreational purposes.
- Fires may only be burned in fire pits between 10 a.m. and 1 a.m.

#### **Rules for Fire Pits:**

- 1. 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. 5.
- A mesh screen or "spark guard" is now required in order to reduce the spread of embers. The openings of the mesh must not be greater than 1.24 cm.
- 6. Only burn clean, dry firewood.
- 7. 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
- 8. 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. All fires in your fire pit must never be left unattended.
- 9. 10. 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.



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Brooklyn	17	403-236-1440	Yes	
Caitlyn	19	403-203-4480	Yes	
Charlotte	14	403-523-0759	Yes	
Cheyanne	21	250-938-1090	No	
Cheyanne	21	250-938-1090	No	
Deidra	30	403-471-3089	Yes	
Elena	14	403-263-3809	Yes	
Elizabeth	17	403-771-8215	Yes	
Emma	12	403-922-3693	Yes	
Jane	52	403-467-3607	Yes	
Jordan	15	403-288-0220	Yes	
Kaitlin	17	403-258-3153	Yes	
Kyla	14	403-697-9764	Yes	
Kyla	13	403-257-0417	Yes	
Lauren	17	403-203-4480	Yes	
Maria	15	403-305-3348	Yes	
Megan	23	403-903-0205	No	
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Disclaimer: We recommend for your own peace of mind that references be checked when choosing your babysitter. This babysitter list is provided as a service to the community and is governed by the terms & conditions outlined at mybabysitter.ca.



#### Library Connect

Check out the September-October issue of *Library* Connect, your ultimate guide to free back to school Library programs, reading recommendations, and events happening this fall. Visit calgarylibrary.ca to download a copy of *Library Connect* or pick one up at your local community library.

#### **Forest Lawn Library Nature Playground**

The Forest Lawn Library Nature Playground is open! The new outdoor space inspires active, fresh-air-filled play. Play is a priority at the Library, because it's central to how kids learn and grow. The nature playground was made possible thanks to generous funding from the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program. Visit today!

#### **Free Online Resources**

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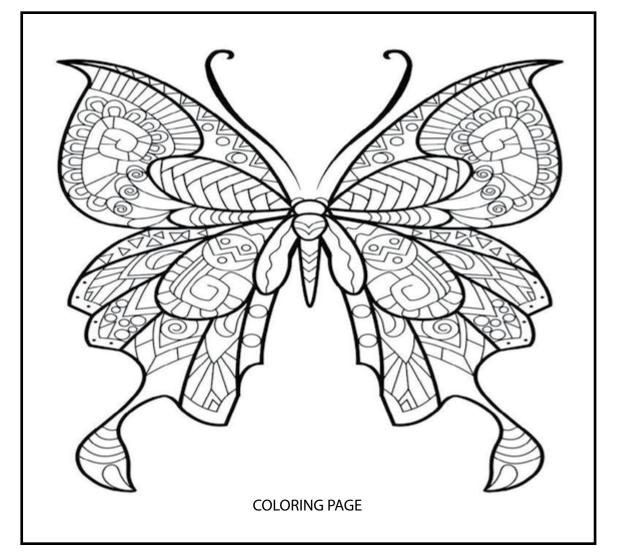


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For the Clark and Anderson families, three generations of family members will be getting in on the act again this year. Brent and Judy Clark have volunteered for the City-Wide Food Drive for the past 10 years. "We've gone with our grandchildren a couple of times, and it was great!" says Judy. "We drove, and they ran and collected the bags. Sometimes folks were so generous, it took three kids to collect the bags from a single house, and that really impressed the kids! It was a joy to establish a family tradition with them of helping our communities."

The Clark's 8-year-old grandson, Erik Anderson, says, "I think about how people will like all the good food, and how they'd be happy to see all the kinds of foods!" Big sister Lauryn adds, "Everyone collects so much food, and then we fill semi-trucks full of food, and it really adds up. It must make such a difference."

Now in its 13th year, the City-Wide Food Drive is an easy and convenient way for you to help fill the shelves at the Food Bank as seasonal need for food hampers increases.

Starting the week of September 11, you'll see volunteers drop off donation bags on doorsteps across the city. During that week, these bags can be filled with non-perishable food items, and on Saturday, September 16, those same volunteers will travel back through their neighborhoods to collect the bags. They won't ring your doorbell or disturb you, but will happily collect the filled donation bags from your doorstep, and take them to a central drop-off for transport to the Calgary Food Bank.

This year's City-Wide Food Drive target is to collect a half million pounds of food in one day! It's a lofty goal, but Calgarians are known for their good and generous hearts, especially during tough times. When it comes to neighbor helping neighbor, the City-Wide Food Drive really is a community affair!

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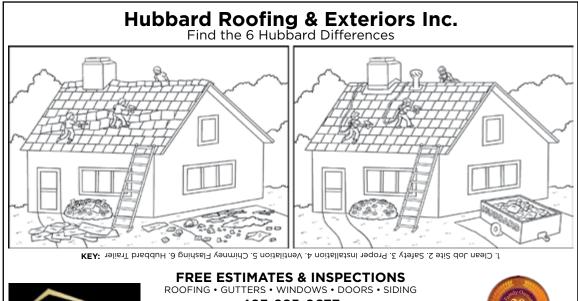
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#### Hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

Did you know? In 1974, the Alberta Government declared the first Monday of August an annual holiday to recognize and celebrate the varied cultural heritage of Albertans. Alberta is a province with a very diverse population, which is part of what makes it such a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Calgary will be hosting over 20 different festivals celebrating various types of arts, music, dance and culture in the month of August. There is certainly something for everyone from family friendly day events to 18+ events. Please visit http://www. todocanada.ca/festivals-in-calgary/ for a well-organized list of festivals and events. It is my hope that you get out and enjoy the beautiful Calgary summer weather and support Calgary's local festivals and businesses.

#### **Daylight Savings Time all year round**

An NDP private member has launched a bill to put Alberta on Daylight Savings time all year.

Here is the text of the entire bill:

http://www.assembly.ab.ca/ISYS/LADDAR\_files/docs/bills/bill/legislature\_29/session\_3/20170302\_bill-203.pdf

This would mean that time changes would not continue if the bill is passed. That means kids will walk to school in the dark for much of winter. It also means Alberta will be out of sync with most of North America.

I encourage you to make your feelings known to the government and to me on this potential change.

#### School Fees –Unintended consequences of Bill 1

I have written before about changes to school fees. Many constituents have contacted my office about this serious issue. Bill 1 eliminated school fees for transportation, among other things. If you were one the parents relieved of paying \$400 per year that is good for you – unless you are one of the many now paying up to \$1,000 per year instead to find your child alternate transportation to and from school. The money taken from school boards for these former fees has left them in a tough place to make other spending decisions which could negatively affect your children. A knock-on effect has been changed bell times causing many parents to be late for work or to now need to hire someone to take their kids to school for them.

Please contact my office with your concerns so I can continue to pass this on the government.

#### Unity

On July 22, our PC party and the Wildrose party will vote on the decision to unite. I am very much in favour of this. I encourage you to vote for unity if you are a member in either party. I will be here to work for you not matter which way the vote goes. Our ability to work together to improve Alberta will be bolstered if the unity vote is positive. Please stay tuned for more information on this.

#### Scrolls

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.

#### **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. My newsletter is written a few weeks ahead of publication, so if you are looking for updated information, or have any questions for me or any concerns that you want to share, I would like to hear them. I also look forward to attending your events in the Calgary-Hays area. Please contact me or my assistants, Tannis Turner and Brodie Parker, at the Calgary-Hays Constituency Office. Call 403-215-4380 or email ric.mciver@assembly.ab.ca

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#### Ward 12 Newsletter Update – August 2017

Can you believe it is August already? Summer is a beautiful time in our city. Seeing so many people out enjoying the great weather reminds me just how fortunate we are to live here. The construction schedule has been busy throughout the summer and we have a City programs that will be coming online this fall.

#### **Green Cart Food and Yard Waste Program**

The Green Cart program allows for Calgarians to dispose of all food and yard waste. The organic materials will be turned into nutrient-rich compost at the new indoor composting facility at the Shepard Waste Management Facility. The program will be rolled out in southeast Calgary between August 28 and September 30. To find more information visit www.calgary.ca/greencart.

#### Glenmore/Ogden Interchange

This project increases capacity on one of Calgary's busiest commercial goods corridors. When completed, motorists will be able to travel on Glenmore Trail with no signal lights between Barlow Trail SE and Sarcee Trail SW. Major construction began in August of 2015 and we expect the project to complete later in 2017. You can find more information on this project by going to www. calgary.ca and entering "Glenmore Ogden Interchange" into the search bar.



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