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THE OFFICIAL FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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Association  
Awareness  
Month!**



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Weather Information	
Gamblers Anonymous	403-237-0654

## FAIRVIEW INFORMATION



### OUR VISION

To promote and enhance a healthy, safe and productive environment for the residents of Fairview by providing access to programs, services and information, all while establishing a sense of community identity and belonging.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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www.welcomewagon.ca, 1-844-299-2466
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- In-Definite Arts 403-253-3174 www.indefinitearts.com

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**Submission Deadline:** 10th of the month for the next month's news.

Comments, questions and submissions are always welcome.

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## EDITORIAL CONTENT DEADLINE



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Fairview Community Association Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 7:00 pm  
Fairview Community Building, Lower level  
Please contact the Secretary at secretary@fairviewcommunity.ca if you wish to attend - all members are encouraged and welcome to do so.

### Fairview's An Evening of Wine & Cheese

Saturday, March 18  
Join us for our classiest event of the year. The 2017 edition of Fairview's Wine, Beer & Cheese! To order your tickets to this event, email Melody at melody.eisenbart@fairviewcommunity.ca or phone 403-454-8327.

### Fairview Public Skating – Last one of the season!

Sunday, March 26, 1:00pm-2:00pm  
Fairview Community Building, Arena  
Bring your friends, family and helmets! Please ensure you use the assigned dressing rooms to change your skates. Do NOT change your skates or walk with skates on the aluminum bleachers - if there is significant damage due to people wearing skates on the bleachers, then we may lose the privilege of hosting public skating events.

### Fairview Shiny

Sunday, March 26, 2:15-3:30 pm (Final for the season!)  
Fairview Community Building, Arena  
Email dave.eisenbart@fairviewcommunity.ca for more details and to get your name on the invite list:

### Fairview Membership Drive

April 2 to April 9  
Fairview Community Neighbourhood  
Mark your calendars for this year's membership drive from April 2 to 9. Volunteer to help build our community through canvassing your neighbours to buy a membership in our fabulous association. You can also help by purchasing your annual membership to show your support! Check this month's membership article for more details.

### Got an idea for a Community event?

Contact any Board member, or our Secretary, to be put on the agenda at any Board meeting.

**VOLUNTEERING....**  
*Good for the Soul*

## EDITOR'S MESSAGE

The community of Fairview lost a great friend, partner and advocate in January. Sadly, Darlene Murphy, long-time Executive Director of In-Definite Arts passed away on January 22nd. Darlene was born in Pembroke, Ontario in 1955 and lived in many different places, as she was part of a military family, before settling in Calgary several decades ago. She joined In-Definite Arts over 30 years ago, initially as an instructor, but will be best known as the Executive Director who led In-Definite Arts through a large transition period of expansion of their programs and clientele, advocacy and a pivotal move to and renovation of its current location in the heart of our community.

Darlene had a penchant for creativity that led her into the arts world, a knack for connecting with people and a strong ability for leadership. She had a great ability to rally those around her for a cause and was a tireless advocate of improving the lives of those less fortunate and treating people with respect no matter their background. She was a volunteer with various organizations (in particular with In-Definite Arts, the Alberta Therapeutic Recreation Association and Alberta Sports and Recreation Association for the Blind) and was an official in the Paralympic Games in Atlanta, Athens, Beijing and London.

A celebration of Darlene's life was held on January 27th and brought together hundreds of people from Darlene's history. It was clear that she had touched the lives of so many and will be very sadly missed, but fondly remembered. Our condolences go out to her family, friends and co-workers.

*Dave Eisenbart*  
1st VP, Fairview Community Association



**CANADIAN,**  
**EAT?**  
Macaroni and cheese is the most purchased packaged item in our country.

## BOARD BITS & BUSINESS

Our Wine & Cheese event is coming up fast on March 18th! We last held this event in February of 2015 so it is overdue! Make sure you get your tickets fast as this event is sure to sell out again. Details are included in this newsletter, in our insert and on our website and Facebook page.

Our Spring Cleanup Events dates have been set for 2017 so mark your calendars:

The Parade of Garage Sales will be held on Saturday, April 29th. The Household Hazardous Waste Roundup and Bottle Drive will be held Saturday, May 6th. Spring Fling Community Cleanup will be held on Sunday, May 14th (Mother's Day... sorry Moms, but the Dads can work hard at cleaning up the joint!).

And our very successful annual Membership Drive is coming up on April 2-9. Consider helping us sell memberships to your neighbours. This is a very rewarding experience and a chance to meet (or catch up with) your neighbours and help build our important membership.

We can always use local Fairview photos of places, cool sightings and people of Fairview for our newsletter cover. Contact news@fairviewcommunity.ca if you have any high-res photos that might be suitable!

We have received our 2017 Casino dates for our largest fundraising event at Elbow River Casino! Please mark your calendars to help out your community on July 30th and 31st, 2017. We need many community helpers for this event so be sure to book off some time for a shift!



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## IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

### Sam Livingston School

It's March already and the students of Sam Livingston School are bubbling from all of the exciting learning both inside and outside of the school. Students can often be seen in the outdoor learning space called the Enviro-Lab. They are learning about the environment, making predictions while exploring outside.

Inside, students are often seen in the learning commons, called Labo-Créo. One of the many opportunities in Labo-Créo is the maker station which offers a space where students are taking apart items such as a computer hard to discover and inspire those inquiring minds.

Students are busy creating group art projects for the Sam Livingston Spring Fair on April 8th from 10am to 2pm. Everyone in the community is invited to attend this exciting event. At the Spring Fair, children will be making gifts for the upcoming celebrations such as Mother's and Father's Day. They can participate in a theatre show about whales, learn about bees, pollinator and red wigglers. The Spring Fair is a great activity for parents of young children to see what Sam Livingston could offer their children if they are considering French Immersion.

Contact is Stacey Schaub-Szabo School Council and Susan Wright School Principal

*Susan Wright, Principal*  
Sam Livingston  
Calgary Board of Education|cbe.ab.ca  
t|403-777-6890 f|403-777-6893

### Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool

This month our students will be exploring units on our 5 senses and Space. The 4-year-old classes will be going 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 27th and we will welcome them back on April 3rd.

## IN & AROUND CALGARY

### March is Community Association Awareness Month! How Will You Be Part of It?

As proclaimed by Mayor Nenshi, March is Community Association Awareness Month!

Did you know that there are 151 community associations in Calgary providing you with endless opportunities right in your backyard, events that bring you together as neighbours, and a voice on behalf of your community on issues that affect you.

Did you also know that these community associations are run by volunteers? Your neighbours, your friends, and maybe even your family. In fact, there are over 20,000 volunteers involved, making it the largest collective volunteer movement here in Calgary!

#### How Will You Be Part of It?

Do you know what your community association offers you? Find out! It's easy and you may be surprised by the many benefits and options available to you as a resident.

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!

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 Awareness Month to be part of it and find out more about your community association and how you can get involved!

Want to follow along with the action all month long? Keep an eye on the hashtag #HowWillYOUBePartOfIt on Twitter!



## Community Outdoor Soccer Registration

### Heritage Soccer Association

4 to 11 years old as of Jan 1/2017 (U6 – U12)  
Up to 4 years old as of Jan 1/2017 (U4)

Chinook Park, Kelvin Grove, Eagle Ridge, Mayfair, Bel-Aire, Kingsland, Meadowlark Park and Fairview community members

Tuesday, March 14, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
Saturday, March 18, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
CKE Community Centre (1015 - 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S.W.)

**Registration fee \$40 (U6-U12), \$10 (U4)**  
**Community membership required.**  
**Bring your membership card!**

League runs May 2 – June 22, Tuesday and Thursday

Evenings at Chinook Park School playing fields.

The league is run by volunteers and we are in need of coaches. If you can help full-time, part-time or occasionally, please sign up to coach!

**Soccer Coordinator email:** CKEHeritageSoccer@gmail.com

# Save the Date!

### Fairview's An Evening of Wine & Cheese is back for 2017!

This elegant evening of wine, cheese, food, door prizes, wine raffle, silent auction and great neighbourly socializing will be held on **Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm** in the Optimist Gallery, lower level of In-Definite Arts. To order your tickets to this event, email Melody at [melody.eisenbart@fairviewcommunity.ca](mailto:melody.eisenbart@fairviewcommunity.ca) or phone 403-454-8327. Tickets can be purchased for \$25 each or exchanged for a \$25+ bottle of wine to be raffled off at the event.



### Always bundle your plastic bags before recycling

Loose plastic bags cause problems at the recycling facility. They fly around, become stuck in other recyclables, jam equipment and cause costly delays.

Bundle your plastic bags into a single bag before putting in your blue cart or community recycling depot.

### Bag your bags

Properly bundle your plastic bags before recycling in your blue cart or community recycling depot. Learn more tips for preparing your recyclables at [calgary.ca/recycling](http://calgary.ca/recycling).



**YES.** Bundle all stretchy plastic bags **together in one bag** and tie the handles closed. Put in your blue cart for recycling:



- Grocery bags
- Shopping bags
- Sandwich/lunch bags
- Ziploc®/freezer bags
- Bread bags
- Dry cleaner bags
- Plastic stretch wrap
- Bubble wrap



**NO.** Do not recycle these items:



- No **single** or **loose** plastic bags.
- No crinkly bags like cereal or cracker bags.
- No food pouches

**Why do plastic bags need to be bundled together?** Plastic bags are sorted by workers rather than machines at the recycling facility. Bundling your plastic bags and wrap together makes it easier for the workers to separate it for recycling. It also prevents the bags from jamming equipment and contaminating the other recyclables.

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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### Calgary Board of Education

403-294-8255  
www.cbe.ab.ca

### Acadia School

9603 - 5 Street SE  
403-777-8440  
schools.cbe.ab.ca/b300

### Fairview School

7840 Fairmount Drive SE  
403-777-7900  
schools.cbe.ab.ca/b633

### Juno Beach Academy

315 - 86 Avenue SE  
403-777-7210  
schools.cbe.ab.ca/b872

### Le Roi Daniels School

47 Fyffe Road SE  
403-777-6420  
schools.cbe.ab.ca/b320

### Lord Beaverbrook High

9019 Fairmount Drive SE  
403-259-5585  
schools.cbe.ab.ca/b850

### Sam Livingston School

12011 Bonaventure Dr. SE  
403-777-6890  
schools.cbe.ab.ca/b354

### Willow Park School

343 Willow Park Drive SE  
403-777-6900  
schools.cbe.ab.ca/b331/

### David Thompson School

9320 Arbour Crescent SE  
403-777-7470  
schools.cbe.ab.ca/b641



### OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

**Alberta Education**  
780-644-5752  
education.alberta.ca/  
apps/schoolsdir/

### Calgary Catholic School District

403-500-2000  
www.cssd.ab.ca

### Bishop Grandin

111 Haddon Road SW  
Phone: 403-500-2047  
www.cssd.ab.ca/bishopgrandin

### St. Cecilia

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www.cssd.ab.ca/  
stcecilia/

### St. Matthew

416 - 83 Avenue SE  
Phone: 403-500-2030  
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stmatthew/

Submit your school news to news@fairviewcommunity.ca.

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## SENIOR'S RESOURCES

Who to call?	There are many resources and services for seniors in Calgary
403-287-3510	Outreach services (for adults 65+) for South communities
403-705-3246	The Kerby Centre can provide information on a range of services from grocery delivery, housing, counselling, disability services, to home care
403-264-7700	24-Hour Seniors' Help Line – There is always someone to take calls from concerned citizens who have identified seniors they believe are at risk or could use a helping hand
2-1-1	Information and referral to Calgary area community, government and social services
1-877-644-9992	Alberta Seniors Info Line
www.seniors.alberta.ca	Senior resources, information and groups in the Calgary area

Copies of the Seniors Directory of Services are available at your local library, local grocery stores or the Community & Neighbourhood Services South Area office (502 Heritage Drive SW).



### Cedarbrae Senior Go-Getters

Flr 2-4885 Hubalta Rd SE  
Phone: 403-288-3371  
55+, Hours: 12:00-2:30 pm  
Wheelchair accessible

### Know Your Neighbour Club

1-10601 Southport Rd SW  
Phone: 403-225-2362  
Email hcdoug@telus.net  
55+, Wheelchair accessible

### Forge Senior Citizens Club

Flr 2-4885 Hubalta Rd SE  
Phone: 403-288-3371  
55+, Hours: 12-2:30pm, Wheelchair accessible

### McDougall United Church - Heritage Time Out

8516 Athabasca St SE, P: 403-252-1620

All ages. Wednesdays 9-11am, Drop-in and enjoy quilting, knitting, card making, and more! For more information, email timeoutheritage@gmail.com.

### Haysboro Senior Resources Group

Dorothy  
P: (403) 255-7438 d.block@shaw.ca  
Meets monthly, speakers, information sessions, entertainment, and usually one bus trip.

### South Fish Creek 50+ Drop In

100-333 Shawville Blvd SE, P: 403-201-8652  
Email: sonya@sfcra.com www.sfcra.com  
Fri: 9am-12:00pm, Wheelchair accessible.

If you would like your group or event listed, please email us at news@fairviewcommunity.ca.

### Calgary FLC Seniors Club

Trico Wellness Centre, 11150 Bonaventure Dr SE  
Hugh Phelan  
403-271-8389, www.flcseniors.ca  
55+, Email flcmembership@yahoo.ca

### Heritage Seniors

703 Heritage Dr. S.W.  
Info: 403-236-7018  
50+ Wheelchair accessible, 4 days per week, various activities  
Email ekozbial@telusplanet.net

### Calgary Music Makers

Shepherd King Lutheran Church, 804 75 Avenue SW  
P: 403-245-4115 or 403-201-9138  
emarwood@gmail.com  
www.calgarymusicmakers.ca  
50+ Choir, Mixed voices. 9:30am Thursday practices

### Inglewood Silver Threads Association

1311 9 Ave SE  
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Stacey Smith – 403-589-8401 / staceyllynnsmith43@gmail.com



in McDougall United Church  
 8516 Athabasca St SE,  
 (no religious content/ non-denominational)

Artisans in quilting, knitting, crocheting, card making, as well as a "do-as-you-wish" table meet to learn and practice their art in a community setting. No experience is required. Come and learn from instructors, obtain advice, but mostly enjoy the company of women across the ages, make friends, and have a personal time out!

**Wednesday mornings, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., current session January 4th to March 22nd, next session April 5th to June 21st.**

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

## Accountant Stanley Doherty, CPA, CMA

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 Beside Swifties Bakery and Centex Gas Station on Douglasdale Blvd

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#### Haysboro Community Centre

1204-89th Ave SW

P: 403-253-1563

Parent run, 3/4 yr olds

[www.haysboro.org/haysboro-pre-school/](http://www.haysboro.org/haysboro-pre-school/)

#### Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool

600 Acadia Drive SE

P: 403-278-9594

Ages 3 & 4

[www.mapleridgepreschool.com](http://www.mapleridgepreschool.com)

#### Willow Park Preschool

680 Acadia Drive SE

Phone 403-271-7016

Ages 3 & 4

[www.willowparkpreschool.com/](http://www.willowparkpreschool.com/)

#### Kingsland Community Preschool

505 78 Ave. SW

403-258-1308

Ages 3 & 4

[www.kingslandcommunitypreschool.com](http://www.kingslandcommunitypreschool.com)

### PLAYGROUPS

#### Acadia & Fairview Families

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#### Haysboro Community Centre

1204-89th Ave SW

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Tot Time, Mondays 9-11 am

[www.haysboro.org/](http://www.haysboro.org/)

#### Southwest Communities

#### Resource Centre -Parent Talk

#42, 2580 Southland Drive SW

P: 403-238-9222, [info@swcrc.ca](mailto:info@swcrc.ca)

Thursday mornings, 10:30am-12pm.

#### Southland Leisure Centre

2000 Southland Drive SW

P: 403-648-6550

Drop-in/Registered Ages 2-4

[www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Recreation/Pages/Leisure-centres/Southland.aspx](http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Recreation/Pages/Leisure-centres/Southland.aspx)

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**www.DaycareIQ.com** is a Calgary based website that helps parents find child care in their community.

Your listing could be here! Email [news@fairviewcommunity.ca](mailto:news@fairviewcommunity.ca)

Fairview Community Association makes no representations about the suitability, reliability, timeliness, and accuracy of the playgroups, pre-schools and/or childcare provided and we do not assume any responsibility for the accuracy or reliability of this information. The Fairview Community Association does not assume and expressly disclaims any liability that may result from the use of this information.

## UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

### Annual Membership Drive Coming in April

Our annual **2017 Membership Drive** is scheduled for **April 2 to 9, 2017**. This is the time when our fantastic volunteers canvass our entire community to sell Fairview Community Association memberships for the bargain price of \$15.

If you would like to purchase a 2017-2018 membership before the drive, please feel free to fill out the registration form in this newsletter or visit our website and pay conveniently online through PayPal – visit [fairviewcommunity.ca](http://fairviewcommunity.ca) for more information.

**We can always use more volunteers to lighten the load for our wonderful team of volunteers!** This is an excellent chance to meet your neighbours or catch up with old friends and get some exercise and fresh air! Please contact Pat Hirsche at [membership@fairviewcommunity.ca](mailto:membership@fairviewcommunity.ca) - we welcome you to the team.

**DON'T FORGET: MEMBERSHIP WILL BE REQUIRED FOR UPCOMING KID'S HERITAGE SOCCER REGISTRATION BEFORE THE DRIVE!**





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invite

Eugene Coste School  
Open House  
January 5, 2017,  
6:30 p.m.



### Spanish Bilingual Kindergarten / Grade One Open House

Thank you for your interest in the International Spanish Academy at Eugene Coste School. If you are considering registering your child for our Spanish Bilingual Kindergarten Program or are new to Grade One for fall 2017 then the information below is for you:

The agenda will include the following:

- An overview of our Kindergarten – Grade One program
- Ideal qualities of students in Bilingual settings
- Overview of current research and outcomes of students in bilingual programs
- Similarities and differences between a bilingual program and an English only program
- Parent volunteer requirements and process
- What will happen on the first day of school
- What to send with your child to school
- Question and answer period
- This is an adult only parent information meeting

If you have questions regarding our Open House information please call us at 403-777-8511.

Liana Appelt  
Principal



## South West Communities Resource Centre



Located in the Professional Wing of the  
Oakridge Co-Op Mall

#42 2580 Southland Drive SW, T2V 4J8  
Phone: 403-238-9222 • Email: info@swcrc.ca • www.swcrc.ca

The SWCRC is your local resource centre that helps families and individuals develop skills and build resilience to move forward when times are challenging. We are located in the Oakridge Coop Plaza and have a warm and welcoming space that is open and inviting to everyone who calls south west Calgary their home. *Please stop by and let us tell you more about the programs and services we offer at **no-cost**. There is something for everyone!*

### Now Accepting Registration:

Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting – Tuesday mornings April 11 to June 6<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Our social workers provide free parenting programs that teach children, youth and parents on how to manage behaviour, develop empathy, and enhance self-respect and respect for others. This 8 week course provides insight for parents of children of all ages and helps everyone manage stress, handle conflict and consider people's feelings. This popular course fills up quickly so give our office a call at 403 238-9222 if you are interested.

We are happy to partner with Chartered Professional Accountants who will be offering low-income families living in SW Calgary a *free* Tax Clinic on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in getting your taxes done and your family income is less than \$50,000.00, call our office to register for a time at the end of March.

We are always looking for outstanding **volunteers** to help with a variety of tasks. This spring we are engaging community residents who are interested in social media, writing stories of impact, or have an interest in photography, please call our office if you would like to support our work. You can also follow along with all our news at [www.facebook.com/calgaryswcrc](http://www.facebook.com/calgaryswcrc) or [twitter@SWCRC\\_YYC](https://twitter.com/SWCRC_YYC).



### MEMBERSHIP

Your community association is a group of volunteers who work to make your community a great place to live for residents of all ages. You can become involved with your community association in two important ways:

**a) Become a member** – when you purchase a membership in your community association, your dues are used to offer you and your neighbours many programs and activities.

**b) Become a volunteer** – Community Associations rely on volunteers to make things happen. There are many ways you can volunteer to make your community a more enjoyable place to live. At the same time you will make new friends and learn skills.

### A GOOD REASON TO JOIN TODAY!

**Representing the Community on Regional Committees and Initiatives:** Community association designates represent the community on regional issues of interest such as major parks, major infrastructure projects in the area or social issues.

Membership forms and payment can be dropped off at the Fairview Arena mail slot, mailed to Box 78053, 383 Heritage Dr SE, Calgary, AB T2H 2Y1 or purchased online at [www.fairviewcommunity.ca](http://www.fairviewcommunity.ca).

Complete the below form and include with your mail-in payment:

**March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018**

Membership Fee: \$15 per Family (Up to two registered adults and any number of children under the age of 18 living at the same residence). Please make cheques payable to: Fairview Community Association.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering: Yes No

I am interested in receiving updates by email: Yes No

## Off the Menu

In Kentucky, it is illegal to carry an ice cream cone in your back pocket





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](http://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 passes are affordable and our programs are family-friendly. With a pass, 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 pass with presentation of a community association membership or payment of the Community Support Fee (which is sent to your community association.)

### Recession Busters

- The Trico Cares program offers **fee assistance** for passes and admissions. See [www.tricocentre.ca](http://www.tricocentre.ca) for details. Plus, we have partnered with organizations that offer fee assistance for programs (Canadian Tire Jumpstart, KidzFirst, KidsSport.)
- Affordable swim specials: 8:30-9:30pm Monday to Saturday, just \$3/person. Sundays 6-8pm, Family Night Swim, \$3/person.

### Spring/Summer Program Guide

Check out our Spring/Summer Program Guide for lots of new registered offerings for children, adults, and older adults. Swimming and skating lessons for all ages. Adult fitness options. Children's programs from 12 months to 14 years.

### Register for Spring/Summer Programs

Registration for Spring/Summer programs (including day camps) starts Monday March 6 and Tuesday, March 7 an ongoing for pass holders and begins Wednesday, March 7 for non-pass holders.

### Adults/Older Adults

Included in your affordable Trico Centre pass, are more than 70 drop-in fitness programs. Choose from endurance classes with a cardiovascular focus, group resistance training, high intensity interval training, aqua fitness, and mind/body classes. Options for all fitness levels and ages

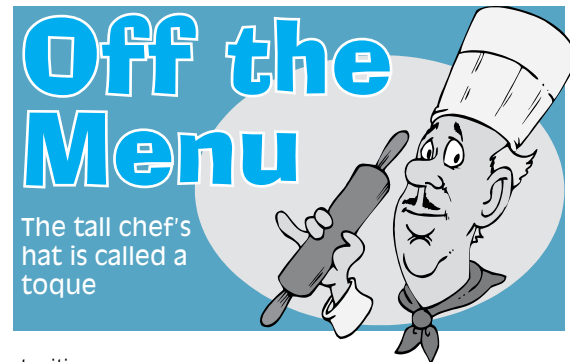
### Families

- Children's Drop-In activities: check out our new expanded schedule of parented drop-ins for preschoolers. Drop-In Playtime is now offered 5 times a week, Drop-In Gymnastics is 3 times a week. Plus Drop-In Crafts on Sundays, Drop 'N Go on Saturdays, and the brand new Storytime, Thursdays at 2pm. All drop-ins are free for pass holders.
- Family Night: Sunday Night is Family Night – swim from 6 to 8pm. Free for pass holders; general public is \$3 per person.

### Children & Youth

Spring Break Day Camps: week-long and daily camps available. Choose from Adventurer Camp for 6-8yrs or 9-12 yrs or Aqua Adventurers for 6-12 yrs, all running March 27 to 31. Daily Spring Break Camp for 6-12yrs is also available for full-day, mornings or afternoons. Pre-care is available from 7 to 9am and post-care from 4 to 6pm.

*Trico Centre is located at 11150 Bonaventure Drive SE. Residents of partnered communities' pay 20% less passes than those who reside outside partnered communities. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see [www.tricocentre.ca](http://www.tricocentre.ca) to find out more.*



Guides Canada

# BLACKFOOT DISTRICT

### Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Spring is just around the corner and our Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders & Rangers will be selling yummy sandwich Girl Guide cookies beginning the last week of March and first week of April. Look for us in your neighborhood or at a local retail location. They are only \$5.00 a box and support our many activities.

Blackfoot District held a super roller skating event at Lloyd's! Everyone enjoyed themselves with laps around the rink and dancing to the hokey-pokey!

The Spark units will be attending STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Day, completing "Canada 150" challenge, have a visit from a GG music trainer and be visiting a vet.

The Brownie units went to Brownie Academy at Camp Jubilee, are having a movie night, visiting the library and learning about the weather and our feathered friends.

The Guide units will be busy with camping, snowshoeing, rock climbing and St. Patrick's Day celebrations and cookie selling in March.

The Pathfinder & Ranger units had a baking contest, are going bowling, cross country skiing, will be attending Calgary Area spring Pathfinder/Ranger camp and going to Alberta Girl's Parliament in Edmonton.

Guiding is a great place to build new friendships and experience new challenges. Why not give us a try.



If you have any questions regarding Guiding or registration please call Calgary Area Girl Guides at 403-283-8348 or email [ggcinfo@calgarygirlguides.com](mailto:ggcinfo@calgarygirlguides.com).

**Girl Greatness Starts Here!**

"If one cannot enjoy reading a book over and over again, there is no use in reading it at all."

- Oscar Wilde





by Elizabeth Walsh, Licensed Property Manager  
Real Estate Council of Alberta

## Evolving Condominium Management

Condominium management is about to undergo a change in the near future as new regulations come into place requiring specific licensing and training, but is your Board or Property Manager forward focused? Are they evolving with these changes? These new regulations of mandatory licensing, the implementation of

educational standards and the development of new higher educational opportunities, the Condominium Management profession is coming of age.

Those companies currently managing condominium properties will need to reach these higher professional standards and become compliant with mandatory licensing requirements, in order to provide best service within the condominium industry, for condominium homeowners, board members and their tenants.

Condominium owners and board members need relevant, practical and timely advice so it's important your Property Manager has a strategy to embrace these upcoming changes. Seek partnerships with a property management firm that provides the knowledge you will need to successfully transition through the change. Follow the Property Manager who embraces and incorporates change strategies into a property management plan that launches your condominium and its board forward.

The New Year is already underway! Get started by asking your condo board members and Property Manager what their forward-focused plan has in store for 2017!



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## IN & AROUND CALGARY

### EMS – Burns and Scalds

Alberta Health Services, EMS continue to respond to emergencies each year where a young child has sustained severe burns or scalds. These incidents often occur inside the child's own home. Common causes include a child accidentally tipping hot liquids onto themselves, touching hot surfaces (stoves), or making contact with electrical outlets. Fortunately, incidents such as these can be avoided by taking preventative measures.

#### 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 at least clean material to protect 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;
- Keep children away from areas where appliances are in use (kettles, irons, hot stoves).

If you require immediate medical attention, call 9-1-1



## Saint Patrick

**Saint Patrick** (Latin: *Patricius*; Irish: *Pádraig*) was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland, along with saints Brigit of Kildare and Columba. He is also venerated in the Anglican Communion, the Old Catholic Church and in the Eastern Orthodox Church as equal-to-apostles and the Enlightener of Ireland.

The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty but there is broad agreement that he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the second half of the fifth century. Early medieval tradition credits him with being the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland, and they regard him as the founder of Christianity in Ireland, converting a society practising a form of Celtic polytheism. He has been generally so regarded ever since, despite evidence of some earlier Christian presence in Ireland.

According to the *Confessio* of Patrick, when he was about 16, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Great Britain, and taken as a slave to Ireland, looking after animals, where he lived for six years before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to northern and western Ireland. In later life, he served as a bishop, but little is known about the places where he worked. By the seventh century, he had already come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day is observed on 17 March, the supposed date of his death. It is celebrated inside and outside Ireland as a religious and cultural holiday. In the dioceses of Ireland, it is both a solemnity and a holy day of obligation; it is also a celebration of Ireland itself.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint\\_Patrick](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Patrick)



## Hamsters, Gerbils, and (the best) Guinea Pigs!

Small rodent-sized pets, otherwise affectionately known as pocket pets, include mice, rats, gerbils, hamsters and Guinea pigs. These little animals are not expensive to maintain and can be an entertaining pet, especially if space is limited. The basic requirements of most pocket pet species are similar and the life expectancy for most species is in the two to four year range; except for the Guinea pig which has a life expectancy of eight years.

Pocket pets should be kept in cages specially designed for their needs or aquariums with a good wire top. Openings in the wire should be small enough to prevent escape and not too large to allow a foot to be caught or twisted. Surfaces should be metal, smooth plastic or glass to allow proper cleaning. Cleaning should be done weekly with tunnels and small corners scrubbed with a bottlebrush. Chlorhexidine based cleaners are best. Many products make good bedding but avoid cedar shavings which can cause respiratory and skin problems, and never use straw.

Feed a commercial diet appropriate for your pet. Buy in small quantities and store food in sealed dark containers to ensure freshness, and that vitamin content is not diminished by exposure to light and air. Small amounts of fresh fruits and vegetables should be provided daily. Avoid abrupt changes in diet. Avoid iceberg lettuce, fruits with pits; and outdoor grasses or dandelions possibly exposed to chemicals. Clean food dishes daily and use dishes that cannot be tipped. Use an inverted water bottle and change the water daily. Monitor your pet's stools and urine for amount or change in appearance. This could be your first clue if a problem is developing.

Exercise is important, especially to Guinea pigs. Buy the largest cage you can and add the appropriate sized

wheel for hamsters and gerbils. Exercise balls are fun but can be dangerous; I once saw a Guinea pig left in a ball in direct sunlight dead of hyperthermia. Gentle handling allows you to monitor your pet for illness and reduces stress as your pet becomes comfortable with you.

A nest box is nice so long as condensation doesn't form inside and appropriate bedding allows air circulation. Toys make a more stimulating environment. Paper towel rolls, wooden spoons, and most commercial products are great.

A hamster is probably the favorite pocket pet of the pet industry but it is a solitary territorial creature. Only get one! Guinea pigs, my personal favorite, need a much larger cage but it can be uncovered. Pigs can't climb, and they are social animals, so get two and you can have them spayed or neutered. Guinea pigs are prone to scurvy, a vitamin C deficiency, and they must be given a daily source of fresh fruit and vegetables. Guinea pigs need fresh hay, preferably Timothy hay, to aid digestion. I really like rats and they make wonderful smart pets. I had pet white rats at university, but unfortunately, it is illegal to own a pet rat in Alberta.

Obviously there is a bit to learn if you get one of these "pets in your pocket" so buy a book or get on the internet and learn about your prospective choices before purchasing. Our local Calgary Humane Society has pocket pets for adoption. Many veterinarians now treat these small exotic pets routinely as our knowledge of their care has increased exponentially in recent years.

*Jennifer L. Scott B.Sc., D.V.M.*

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Hello Neighbours!

March is here and your government is working hard to support Alberta families. We know that job creation and job security are the most pressing concerns right now - you want to know that you will be able to build and maintain a happy and stable life for yourself and your family. Your government is focused on job creation and building a brighter future for all Albertans.

Alberta has been and will continue to be an oil and gas province, with our energy sector being a main source of income for many Albertans. In order to revive our oil and gas economy, after the global drop in the price of oil, we needed to break through Alberta's land lock so that we can sell our oil around the world. Through our government's hard work with other provinces, and a focus on both environment and the economy, our Oil and Gas industry now has approval for three new pipelines. This is excellent news for Alberta. These pipelines mean more work for our Energy industry, and will help bolster jobs in other sectors.

If you are looking for resources to find employment, please visit [www.alis.alberta.ca](http://www.alis.alberta.ca), this website has information to help with your career path - please contact my office if you have any questions.

If you are considering a career change, or if your kids are approaching college or university age, we know that the financial pressures of increasing tuition fees can be a real concern for families. That is why we've frozen tuition fees for the last two years, and are working with post-secondary institutions to find ways to keep university and college affordable for Alberta families like yours. We're currently reviewing the overall funding model for colleges and universities, and would love to hear your input - visit [www.tuitionreview.alberta.ca](http://www.tuitionreview.alberta.ca) to share your thoughts and ideas.

In order to support our economy, high-quality and affordable child-care must be more widely available to Alberta families. This is why we've launched a new Child-Care Pilot program, which will create 1,000 new child-care spaces with 230 new child-care jobs. The program will focus on addressing gaps in the existing system, including

flexible schedules for parents doing shift work, support for children with diverse needs, and easy-to-access location - all within a \$25/day fee and with a focus on early childhood development. The pilot locations will be announced in mid-2017, and we will use these new spaces as a model for other programs over the coming years.

If you have questions about these initiatives or anything else our government is doing, I would welcome you to join us during the upcoming Office Open House on Saturday, March 18th from 2-4pm. Chat with your neighbours and friends over coffee and a snack. Bring your questions and join the conversation.

As always, my staff and I are here to help and hear your feedback. You can reach us by email at [Calgary.Acadia@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:Calgary.Acadia@assembly.ab.ca), by phoning 403-640-1363 or visiting #10, 8318 Fairmount Dr SE.

**BRAIN GAMES** SUDOKU

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**Councillor, Ward 9  
Gian-Carlo Carra**  
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Hello Ward 9 Neighbours,

Businesses are integral to Great Neighbourhoods and it is my fundamental belief that great neighbourhoods are the most powerful tool we have to build a diversified economy. Additionally, on account of our industrial working landscapes, Ward 9 hosts Calgary's second largest economic engine behind the downtown.

Over the last few weeks, many of you have reached out to my office concerned about how the City of Calgary's revenue neutral tax policy has spread the pain of taxation across our local business community, as assessments in the downtown core have plummeted on account of historic vacancy levels; our non-residential tax base outside of the downtown having to pick up the tax slack has been exceptionally hard on Ward 9 businesses.

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on the increases to non-residential property taxes and how we plan to help. At the end of January, City Council endorsed the Municipal Non-Residential Phased Tax Program (the PTP).

During the Mid-Cycle Adjustments in November 2016, City Council set aside \$15 million with the intention of shaving the peak off of the rising taxes that our small- and medium-sized businesses would be dealing with in 2017.

We quickly learned that defining what entities actually met a meaningful test for what constitutes a small- and medium-sized business was incredibly challenging, and in the face of this uncertainty, that \$15 million probably wouldn't be enough. Happily, on January 23, Council voted in favour of taking \$45 million from savings so we could broadly offer relief to all non-residential property tax payers.

The PTP will reduce taxes to a 5% increase for all non-residential accounts assessed. What this means is that, despite the increases pushed across the board due to lower downtown assessments, any business in Calgary facing an increase in the municipal portion of their non-residential property tax will not have to pay an increase of more than 5%.

On the whole, I'm very pleased that Council understands the challenges facing Calgarians right now, and that we've managed the City into a position where we're able to help. In total, Council has approved \$183 million in supports for Calgarians, which includes \$73 million in tax relief, \$66 million in user fees and utility rate freezes, \$9 million in targeted initiatives, and \$35 million in lower revenues absorbed by the City of Calgary through efficiencies.

I will continue to work on the behalf of my Ward 9 businesses, institutions, and residents.



**Book Discussion Groups**

Our NEW Book Discussion Groups happen at every community library and feature new books and topics every month. No need to register—just drop in and travel the world of ideas with your neighbours! Visit [worldofideas.ca](http://worldofideas.ca) for details.

**Bill's Book Café with David Ward**

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