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Mahogany Beach Club Reminders

Park and Lake Reminders

- All members, age 12 years and over, must bring their membership card each time they wish to access the park, lake and Mahogany Beach Club – not just one card per family.
- Children under 12 years of age are not permitted in the park without an adult.
- Pets are not allowed at the MBC facility or parks.
- Smoking, alcohol or glass containers are not permitted in the parks.
- Only charcoal briquettes may be used in the barbeques.
- Members assume full responsibility for their guests and must be present in the park at all times while their guests are using the facility.
- Lending your membership card to another person is prohibited.
- Members are limited to a household maximum of 8 guests per day.

Fishing

The Mahogany Homeowners Association encourages the practice of catch-and-release. Fishing is permitted from the Fishing Dock and Private Docks only, until ice begins to form on the lake. No live bait is permitted.

Tennis Courts

The Tennis Courts are closed for the season and will re-open in spring.

Hockey Rink

The Hockey Rink will be closed in December to inline skating and basketball. Notice will be sent to members when the ice is ready for skating. Volunteers are needed to maintain the ice over the winter season. Please contact reception@mahoganyhoa.com to join the Ice Maintenance Team.

The Calgary Public Library Book Truck is Back!

Bring your library card to the Mahogany Beach Club and check out the Book Truck 4:30 – 6:30 pm on the following dates:

- Dec. 6
- Dec. 20



New Program Ideas?

The HOA is planning the Winter and Spring Programming sessions. If you have any talents you would like to share with the community or programs you would like to see offered, please contact us at admin@mahoganyhoa.com



Mahogany Homeowners Association
 29 Masters Park SE, Calgary, AB, T3M 2C1
 Phone: 403 453 1221 • Fax: 403 474 1202
 Hours of Operation: 9am to 10pm Daily

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Last 12 Months Mahogany MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
October 2016	\$539,450.00	\$528,410.00
September 2016	\$539,900.00	\$529,000.00
August 2016	\$559,900.00	\$552,500.00
July 2016	\$587,400.00	\$587,400.00
June 2016	\$509,900.00	\$490,000.00
May 2016	\$589,900.00	\$580,000.00
April 2016	\$527,400.00	\$510,500.00
March 2016	\$519,900.00	\$511,000.00
February 2016	\$503,375.00	\$499,375.00
January 2016	\$416,900.00	\$409,635.00
December 2015	\$599,999.50	\$588,750.00
November 2015	\$491,900.00	\$484,450.00

Last 12 Months Mahogany MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
October 2016	21	14
September 2016	20	19
August 2016	27	17
July 2016	17	26
June 2016	26	25
May 2016	19	21
April 2016	34	16
March 2016	30	17
February 2016	24	8
January 2016	18	6
December 2015	14	10
November 2015	13	8

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Do You Have Your Membership Card?

All residents age 12+ must have their membership card to access the Mahogany Beach Club, including registered programs and Preschool. Stop by the MBC to have your picture taken and get your card today! Please bring your Certificate of Title or photo

ID showing proof of residency. Tenants must bring in their lease agreement.
Website: www.mahoganyhoa.com
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2017 Mahogany HOA Fees Due January 1, 2017

2017 HOA Membership Fees were emailed to Primary Homeowners mid-November. If you have not yet received your invoice, please contact the office. Debit or Cheque payment will be accepted at the office daily from 9am to 10pm, except for holidays. Cash payments are not accepted. Residents may pay by Visa or Mastercard via the Member Web Portal. If you are not

currently signed up for the Web Portal, please contact the office.

Holiday Hours

Saturday, December 24: 9am – 12pm
Sunday, December 25: Closed
Saturday, December 31: 9am-5pm
Sunday, January 1: Closed



There's More in Mahogany!

For upcoming events, programs, lake conditions, volunteer information and more, check out the Mahogany HOA website:

www.mahoganyhoa.com/events



Pet Pointers: Holiday Pet Dangers

Dr. Sara E. Wick B.Sc. M.Sc. DVM

As the holiday season is fast approaching, there are some things to consider when making the house safe for your furry friends. There are many things that we commonly have around the home during the holidays that can cause big problems if they are ingested by your pet. The following are things to watch out for and the problems that they can cause.

Dangerous holiday plants:

Poinsettias: Everyone talks about how 'toxic' this plant is to your pets. There is *some* truth in this but it may be a little overblown. Usually, if ingested, this plant will cause irritation to the mouth and stomach lining. Your pet may be in for a day or two of stomach upset but it generally doesn't warrant hospitalization.

Lilies: Some holiday arrangements may contain lilies. The majority of true lily varieties are EXTREMELY toxic to cats. Lilies can cause kidney failure leading to death in cats. Even brushing up against the lilies and ingesting a tiny amount of the pollen is bad news. Any exposure to lilies (again, this is just for cats) requires an immediate trip to the 24-hour clinic and may require fluid therapy for 72 hours to ensure the kidneys are protected.

Mistletoe and Holly: Both of these plants can cause significant stomach upset and may require a brief stay in hospital for re-hydration so best to keep them out of reach as well.

Dangerous holiday foods:

Chocolate: This is absolutely the most common toxin ingestion in the pet world during the holidays. Depending on the amount and type of chocolate ingested, your pet could have minor stomach upset or things could get as serious as heart arrhythmias, seizures and death. Some pets will even 'unwrap' gifts to get at this delicious hazard, potentially exposing them to wrapping paper foreign bodies (paper causing an obstruction in the intestines). If your pet ingests ANY chocolate this season – contact your veterinarian with the type of chocolate, amount ingested and the weight of your dog so they can determine how bad things may be.

Holiday dinners: It's so easy to think that you're being a kind and generous owner to share a bit of holiday dinner with Fido, however, this can have bad effects on many dogs and we potentially never know which pet is going to have a bad 'reaction'. Some pets can get a mild or more severe gastroenteritis (stomach upset) and others can even develop inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis). Pancreatitis can actually be life threatening if severe enough. Onions and garlic within the meals can also cause their own subset of problems as both can cause Heinz body anemia. This is characterized by an abnormal shape to the red blood cells that makes them unable to transport oxygen to the rest of the body properly.

Uncooked dough: Uncooked dough is extremely dangerous – it can rapidly expand in the gastrointestinal tract leading to life threatening ethanol toxicosis from fermentation of the yeast ingested and potentially obstruction of the stomach.

Salt ornaments: Homemade ornaments are adorable but are extremely dangerous to your pets. Ingestion of just one or two salt dough ornaments can lead to salt toxicosis and death.

Dangerous holiday products:

Light cords: Some pets are just attracted to chewing on light cords. This is most often a problem with puppies and kittens. The obvious consequence of chewing on a string of holiday lights would be electrocution.

String-like decorations: Cats in particular are attracted to string decorations (garland, tinsel and sometimes even fake Christmas trees themselves). Ingestion of any of the above can result in intestinal obstruction and necessitate surgery.

Potpourri: Ingestion of liquid and/or dry potpourri can lead to stomach upset. Hot liquid potpourri can also cause significant burn injury (both heat and chemical) to the mouth, esophagus and stomach lining.



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Flex Room 2	\$38.00/Hour	\$50.00/Hour

Please call 403.453.1221 or email info@mahoganyhoa.com for further information and to book a rental.

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Rental Packages	Member Rate*
Wedding Package A – Saturdays from 9:00am–1:00am	\$1,168.00
Wedding Package B – Friday 6:00pm-10:00pm & Saturday 9:00am-1:00am	\$1,360.00
Wedding Package C – Saturday 9:00am-1:00am (Outdoor Ceremony & Indoor Reception)	\$1,410.00
Birthday Party Package – 3 hours in Studio 2 and exclusive Gym use	\$140.00

The Moody Blues

By Elisabeth Fayt

For some, the holidays are a time of happiness. For others, they can be a trigger for moodiness and despair. Whether you are happy or not this time of year, moods affect all of us at one time or another, so let's learn how to combat them!

I used to be moody. It wouldn't take much for someone to push my buttons. I was never nasty or outwardly argumentative, but I could easily sink into quietness while I seethingly pondered how someone could be so insensitive!

This is so common. It's called touchiness or oversensitivity, and is a form of self-pity that causes much unnecessary pain.

Most people are unaware when they've slipped into a mood. Let's describe it. Someone criticizes you and you feel yourself getting defensive. That's a mood. Your least favorite person enters the room and you feel immediately irritated. You get the picture. Sometimes we shift

through the day from mood to mood. It's so unhealthy.

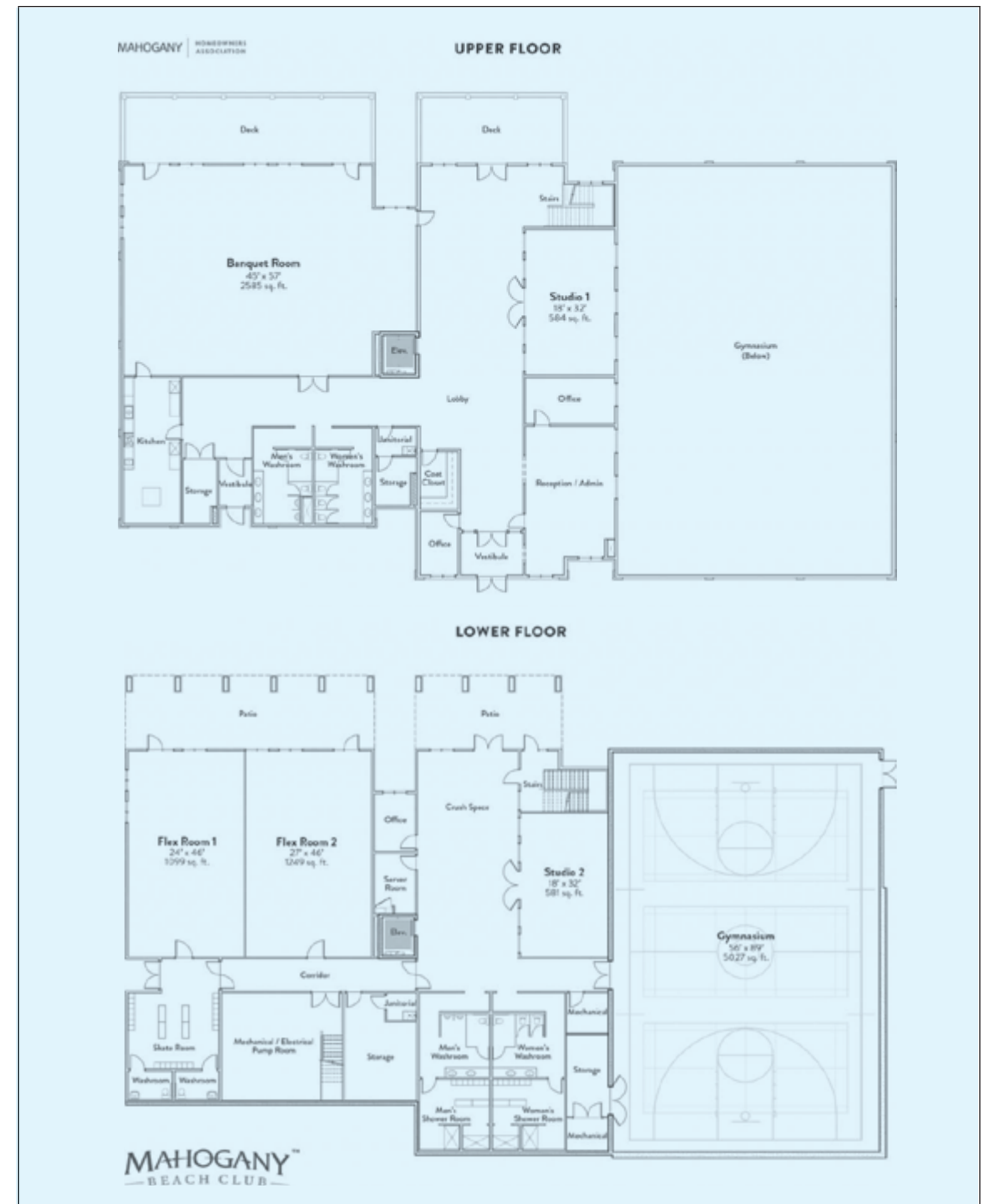
The first step is to become aware. Our knee-jerk reaction is often to try and change the other person or re-arrange things so that everything is the way we want it. Usually, this causes more trouble.

If something bothers you, it's a trigger. Immediately introspect: "Why does this bother me? What desire do I have that isn't being met?" If you're spiritually inclined, this is also the time to pray for help in overcoming the mood. You'll find amazing results if you're sincere.

Another nugget, try this affirmation: "Change no circumstance in my life, change me." Truly mean it. Put the behavior of the other person completely out of your mind and say to yourself: "How should I behave?" then put all your attention there.

Moods *can* be beaten. I have proven so in my own life.

Wishing you all a very happy holiday!



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Help Those in Need This Holiday Season with The Calgary Food Bank

Every year Calgary's 150 community associations, the Federation of Calgary Communities, and other community partners across the city join Mayor Naheed Nenshi in the Mayor's Annual Christmas Food Drive, in support of the Calgary Food Bank.

Last year, over 40 community associations participated in the event and with their residents helped raise more than \$16,000 in food and funds!

We invite YOU to help us raise even more this year by donating non-perishable food items at your local community association throughout the month of December!

Items on this year's "Holiday Wish List" include canned fish, vegetables and fish, soup, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, fruit juice, baby food and formula, and diapers.

In addition to your local community association donations can also be made at any of the Calgary Food Bank partners including Safeway, Co-op, Superstore, Sobeys, Costco, and many more. Visit www.calgaryfoodbank.com for more information on items to donate and drop-off locations.

CALGARY FOOD BANK | **Donation Wishlist**
Empty calories shouldn't feed empty bellies

FRESH FOOD
These items must be donated directly to the Calgary Food Bank Warehouse Door #3 to ensure they are distributed in a timely manner while still fresh.

SPECIALTY HAMPERS
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• Formula with iron
• Pul-top meals and soups

HOW TO DONATE
1 Drop off non-perishable food in the Calgary Food Bank donation bins at any major grocery store.
2 Drop off fresh or non-perishable donations directly to the Calgary Food Bank Warehouse: 5000-11 Street SE, Food Donations Door #3
3 Hold a Food Drive and have your non-perishable food picked up by our drivers.

Help us meet Canada's Food Guidelines by donating items on our wishlist:

PEANUT BUTTER

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TOMATOES

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IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

Sundance School

The holiday season is upon us and we are entering into the last month of 2016. Everyone at Sundance School would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and joyous holiday season!

December 2nd is a non-instructional day (no school for students).

We will be having our first Sundog Snack of the year on Wednesday December 7th. Students will be enjoying kernels popcorn. Kindergarten students can also partake in Sundog Snacks. You can log on to www.healthyhunger.ca

now to order the December snack and to order all available snacks and lunches if you would prefer.

The students and staff have been working very hard to bring you the ever-popular Christmas Concert on December 8th. There will be performances during the day and evening. More information will follow in the newsletter.

December 16th is the last day of classes before Winter Break. Both AM and PM kindergarten students will attend that day. School is then closed for the break with classes resuming Tuesday January 3rd 2017.

Have you subscribed to receive messages from the Calgary Board of Education and our school? To do so please go to www.cbe.ab.ca/subscribe to enter your email address and click Subscribe.

VOLUNTEER VOICE

From the Editor

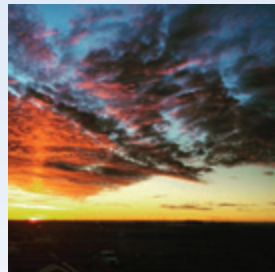
It's my pleasure to work in the community as the editor of the Volunteer Voice column, keeping you up to date on what our Operations and Social Committees have on the go. Thoughts, comments, suggestions? You can reach me at communications@mahoganyhoa.com.

Dawn McKay

Editor, Volunteer Voice

Mahogany Photo Throw Down

For the second time, we used the Life in Mahogany Facebook page for a Mahogany Photo Throwdown. This month's winner, based on most "likes" generated is Lindsay Davies, for this shot of the bridge over the wetlands. Honourable mention, for a beautiful sunrise photo, goes to Heather Lynn Johnston. Great submissions from everyone! For submissions to our regular Photo of the Month contest, anyone recognizable in the photo must provide written consent to accompany the submission. By submitting your photo you are giving the Mahogany HOA permission for its use.



Volunteer Profile

This month's profile on an active Mahogany volunteer is **Christopher Thurber**. For suggestions on who to profile in upcoming issues, please email me at communications@mahoganyhoa.com.

Position with the HOA: Chairman of Operations Volunteer Committee

How long have you lived in Mahogany: 1 year, 7 months, but who's counting

Your job in real life: Financial Planner

Family: A wife and 2 cats along with a ton of in-laws in the SE

What is your favourite thing about living in Mahogany? I love the sense of community in Mahogany. I always hear from people in Calgary that say they don't know their neighbours. Coming from New Brunswick, we always knew everyone on our street/neighbourhood. So Mahogany feels like home.

If you could have super power what would it be? I would love to fly. That way I would never have to worry about fighting with traffic on Deerfoot.

Operations Committee Update

Copperfield/Mahogany have recently been selected for Calgary's "This is my Neighbourhood" project. We will be asking for suggestions on projects area residents would like to see to help improve our communities. Auburn Bay has just finished up their project and any of the past projects can be viewed on the city's website <http://www.calgary.ca/timn>.

Additionally, the Operations committee along with the HOA are putting out an annual community survey in January. This is your opportunity to tell us what you like about, and what you would like to see in Mahogany. Your feedback is extremely important so look to www.mahoganyhoa.com for more information.

And a big thank you to our Ops committee who successfully lobbied for the new stop sign coming out of the beach club.

Upcoming Events

Light Up Mahogany Transform the exterior of your home and front yard into a dazzling winter wonderland light display and enter in our annual Residential Home Light Display competition. Three independent judges will assess your efforts and based on 40 points, will be looking for Lighting (20 points), Theme (10 points), and Creativity (10 points). Cash prizes will be awarded and winners will be announced during the Parade of Lights. All entries must be in no later than Dec 1st. To be eligible for the **Early Bird draw**, you must have your entry application emailed to noellefae.p@gmail.com by Nov 24th; draw will take place on Dec 10th at the Parade of Lights event! For more information and entry forms, check out the Mahogany HOA website under Upcoming Events.

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Adults:

DDP Yoga
Prenatal Yoga
Yoga Flow
Karate (Kids and You)
Sportball (Parent and Child)
Bootcamp
Zumba
Social Dance
Martial Arts (Systema) Self-Defense
Cardio Tennis

Youth:

Music Together
Karate (Kids and You)
Karate (Traditional Gojuryu)
Sportball (Parent & Child)
Sportball (Coach & Child)
Sportball (Soccer & Floor Hockey – Gameplay)
Ballet
Etiquette Factory
Young Rembrandts
Zumbini (Ages 0-3)
Zumba Kids (Ages 6-10)
Kids Tennis

For more information on programs, visit mahogany-hoa.com or visit the Mahogany Beach Club.

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Birthday Party Package

Celebrate your birthday with exclusive access to the Gymnasium as well as Studio 2!



Birthday Package (Members)	Birthday Package (Non-Members)
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Gymnasium	Gymnasium
Studio 2	Studio 2
Total: \$140.00	Total: \$170.00

***Maximum 35 people**



You are more than welcome to use the sports equipment. All other equipment must be non-marking. No food or drink permitted in the gymnasium. Non-marking indoor shoes must be worn in the gym. Your party is restricted to the rental space as indicated above.

VOLUNTEER VOICE CONT'D



Parade of Lights Come on out December 10th from 5:30 to 8:30 to enjoy Mahogany's winter Parade of Lights with lots of fun for the entire family, including: horse drawn wagon rides by Horsin' Around, outdoor & indoor games and activities, refreshments, cookie decorating, a surprise visit from Santa and much more!

Please remember your non-perishable food item or cash donation for the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, and signed waiver for the wagon rides. You can pre-register for your FREE photo with Santa, courtesy of Mike Burton Home Team, at www.mikeburton.ca/photoswithsanta.

Toy Drive The holiday season is just around the corner, reminding us that many out-of-town families with sick children will call The Ronald McDonald House home this Christmas. Help make the holidays a little bit brighter this year for the kids and families at the Ronald McDonald House by donating an unwrapped gift at the Parade of Lights.

Due to the immune suppressed nature of the children staying at the house, they cannot accept used toys. Suitable donations include gift cards of all kinds, clothes, toiletries, travel mugs, movie passes and more. Please feel free to contact Noelle at noellefae.p@gmail.com for more information on recommended items.

Winter Celebration Save the date for Mahogany's annual Winter Celebration, to be held this year on Janu-

ary 28th from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Main Beach Club. Event activities will include snowshoeing, skating, ice hockey, ice fishing, indoor volleyball, snowball & snowman building – generally all things snow and winter related.

Clothing for a Cause Time to clean out your closets or basement? The Volunteer Committee has arranged for a Clothing for a Cause Donation bin to be placed in the Main Beach Club parking lot. Clothing for a Cause is a non-profit organization accepting clothing, footwear, household, linen and cloth curtains. Having the bin on our property generates a small monthly stipend going directly to the MHOA.

Discussion Group – If you missed November's discussion group on the Art and Science of Friendship, the next meeting will be Sunday, January 29. The discussion group is open to all Mahogany residents for good discussion and polite debate. This group meets every other month on the last Sunday afternoon of the month from 2 – 4 at the Main Beach Club. For more information, please contact Laura or Dan Rachiele at laura.rax@shaw.ca

Previous Events

Halloween Fun – By anyone's standards, this year's Halloween events were an outstanding success! The
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VOLUNTEER VOICE CONT'D

Halloween Howl, on October 29 had over 750 people in attendance at the Main Beach Club with some outstanding costumes from both kids and adults. Later that same evening, the annual Ma-Zombie run saw teens and zombies running amok at the beach house. The volunteer committee had expected between 30 and 50 teens but well over 100 showed up, ensuring this very popular event will be back next year.

A great thing about Mahogany is our community's commitment to helping out. Donations of non-perishable food, dropped off at the Halloween Howl, totaled 1,090 pounds of food and \$125 in cash. South Pointe Toyota, one of our Platinum Sponsors, will be matching that donation. Thanks to all who donated!

Fish release – October also saw the release of over 1500 brook and brown trout into the lake to meet the need for a diverse population as well as to help combat the threat posed by the discovery late this summer of carp, a highly invasive fish species. Special thanks to the Fishing Committee for working overtime in getting some fish in the

lake before winter. Look for some fun and FREE ice-fishing activities this winter from your Fishing Committee.

Calgary Police Service Information Night – Thanks to the Operations Committee, and especially Eric Ellis and the Safety Committee, for setting up an information evening with the Calgary Police Service. Five members of CPS spoke to about 80 residents for an hour and a half, presenting statistics on crime in our community as well as surrounding communities (Auburn Bay & Copperfield) and steps we can take to minimize the risk of being a victim. Knowing your neighbours and being part of a community was an important part of the message, along with minimizing opportunities for theft and vandalism and reporting any untoward activity to CPS so they can report it and deploy resources accordingly.

Community Support Activities – Did you know Mahogany has a community support sub-committee? This is the group that organized the very popular Used Children's Clothing and Toy Sale. Activities being planned for the New Year include pizza movie nights and family games nights.

We are always looking to increase the number of volunteers who help us plan, organize and execute the many activities run throughout the year. Interested? Drop us a line at volunteers@mahoganyhoa.com.

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Calgary Police Service Information Night

Thank you to the Volunteer Operations Committee for organizing the Calgary Police Service Information Night on November 3. Thanks also to the five members of the CPS who came out to speak with residents about crime in Calgary's southeast.

Resident, and Volunteer Voice Editor, Dawn McKay attended the event and summarized the presentation for those unable to attend as follows:

Most crimes in our neighbourhood are crimes of opportunity. Criminals will casually make their way down a street checking for unlocked car doors, unlocked garage doors, unlocked windows and household entry doors. If they find an unlocked door, they can easily gain access to a car for garage door openers, registration papers, electronics, change, etc.

Once they have gained entry to your garage, if the door connecting into your home is unlocked, it's easy to come into the house, grab anything nearby (keys, purses, electronics, etc.) and be out the door in a couple of minutes.

In September, 90% of reported property crime in Mahogany could have been prevented by locking doors and removing valuables from vehicles. In October that number declined to 75%.

The officers had some tips for making your home and vehicles less of a target:

1. Lock all doors and windows with deadbolts if possible
2. Do a circuit around your home before bed to ensure all entry points are locked.
3. Remove valuables, loose change, chargers, electronics, paperwork that identifies you, etc. from your vehicle, or from the sight of anyone taking a peek in.
4. Don't leave large packing boxes for expensive equipment or electronics in your garbage for anyone to see your most recent purchase.
5. Have exterior lights on, and if possible, motion sensors.
6. Close and lock your garage door.
7. Don't leave your car running.



8. Know your neighbours and be part of the community.
9. Report suspicious activity to the police - they can track these activities and will deploy resources, especially if it is an ongoing or chronic issue.

10. Report any break-ins, even if nothing is taken. This will give police accurate statistics of illegal activity in the community. If crimes are not reported, police are unaware there is a problem. Police budgets only allow for so many resources. They need to know where crimes are being committed so resources can be deployed strategically.

To report a break-in, please contact the CPS non-emergency line at 403-266-1234 or go to <http://www.calgary.ca/cps/Pages/Report-a-crime.aspx>.

Dawn McKay

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Wow 2016 has certainly come and gone quite quickly. With the school year well underway, I have had the chance to tour a few of the new schools within our constituency. Walking the freshly painted halls gave me a unique opportunity to reflect on the years of hard work and dedication, from funding announcements starting in 2013 to school openings in 2016 it has been an honor working alongside community parents, community associations and the area school board trustees to ensure these facilities were built.

From my family to yours, we wish you all a safe and joyous holiday season!

This time of year often presents challenges for families especially during these tougher economic times if you or someone you know is struggling please see below is a list of local support agencies;

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- Canadian Mental Health Association
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Great presentation at Cranston school by Earth Rangers

Calling All Neighbours!

To have your Family profiled (Story and Professional Pictures) in the next edition of this Community Newsletter, please send us an email to MAH@great-news.ca

HANUKKAH

In 2016, Hanukkah from in the evening of Saturday, December 24th until the evening of Sunday, January 1st. During Hanukkah, on each of the eight nights, a candle is lit in a special menorah (candelabra) called a 'hanukkiyah'.

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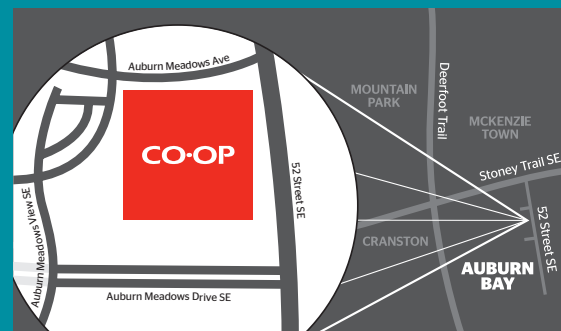


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A very exciting 2016 is coming to a close. This was a year of new beginnings in Ward 12 with the opening of new schools and new recreation facilities that make southeast Calgary an even better place to live. I want to wish all Ward 12 residents a terrific holiday season and I look forward to sharing my next update with you in the New Year!

Ward 12 Open House

Each year my office hosts a Ward 12 Open House. We invite City of Calgary departments and numerous external stakeholders. They will have presentation booths that provide information and they will answer your questions. The 2017 Open House is right around the corner, and I am looking forward to hearing your feedback!

When: Wednesday, February 8 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Where: Remington YMCA, 108 Quarry Park Road SE

Feel free to contact my office if you have questions about our open house.

'Tis The Season

I really hate to say this, but it looks as though winter is upon us. City crews will be working diligently this winter to clear snow and ice from our roadways and pathways. If you have concerns about snow and ice clearing please call 311 or visit calgary.ca/snow.

We Want To Hear From You!

In 2016 I launched the "Coffee With Your Councillor" series. My office held three meetings where we got to hear some fantastic feedback from residents and have a comprehensive discussion on the municipal issues that matter to our communities. We will be re-launching "Coffee With Your Councillor" in the New Year. Once we have some dates confirmed, my office will share the details. Nobody knows local issues better than the folks that live in these communities, and I am very much looking forward to more terrific discussions!

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Green Line LRT

2016 Year in Review

2016 has been a big year for the Green Line LRT project. We've had great conversations with thousands of Calgarians, continued to refine alignment options, and have even begun some preliminary infrastructure improvements in the southeast.

A few of the highlights from this year include:

- On October 4, 2016, City Council approved a fully tunneled LRT route in Calgary's downtown core.
- The Beltline alignment options have recently undergone an extensive evaluation. The results of the evaluation, which includes stakeholder and public input, indicate that 12 Avenue S is the preferred corridor. The Green Line project team will carry two options forward for further evaluation: 12 Avenue S Surface and 12 Avenue S Surface + Tunnel.
- The Green Line team met with and spoke to Calgarians along the corridor from north to south and everywhere in between. We've sought input from the public that informed the project team's recommendations to Council, and we conducted transit oriented development workshops in several communities on the north segment of the line.

What's Next

There are some major project milestones coming up in the first half of 2017, including the Beltline alignment recommendation to City Council (March 2017), and the final, full alignment recommendation to City Council (June 2017). As we explore and refine the details of the project, we will back in the community seeking input and sharing our progress.

Get Involved

Follow the Green Line story and stay up-to-date on the latest news and opportunities to get involved at Calgary.ca/GreenLine and #GreenLineYYC.

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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
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