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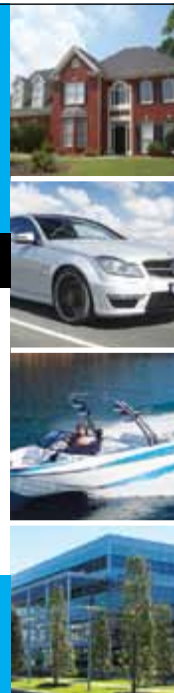
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Animal Trivia
 Sharks apparently are the only animals that never get sick. As far as is known, they are immune to every known disease including cancer.

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Mahogany Beach Club - REMINDERS

End of Summer

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.
- No children under 12 years of age are permitted in the park without an adult.
- No pets are allowed at the MBC facility or parks.
- No smoking, alcohol or glass containers are permitted in the parks.
- Only charcoal briquettes may be used in the barbecues.
- Members assume full responsibility for their guests at all times and members 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.

Boat Rentals

Fishing boats, kayaks, pedal boats and Stand Up Paddle (SUP) boards are available to residents on a first come first serve basis. Members who sign out the boat must be in the boat at all times. No children under 16 are to be in a boat without an adult. PFDs are mandatory and MUST be worn at all times. There is a 1 hour time limit on boats loans.

Fishing

The Mahogany HOA encourages the practice of catch-and-release. Fishing is permitted from the Fishing Dock, the shore south of the Fishing Dock up to the bridge, Private Docks and fishing boats only at this time. Absolutely no barbed hooks, live bait or food of any kind is permitted.

Tennis Courts

Unless reserved for MHOA programs, the courts are available on a first come first serve basis. There is a 45 minute restriction during busy times. Tennis courts are to be used for tennis only. Soft soled court shoes are required. Chairs and other hard objects are not permitted on the courts.

Hockey Rink

The hockey rink is available for inline and roller skating. You must put your skates on at the rink. They are not allowed on the pathways within the MBC or at the West Beach.

Aerators

The aerators have now been turned on. **WARNING:** As per the rules and regulations, please do not enter the park or the lake outside of park hours. The lake aerators pose a significant safety risk.

Hard to believe that summer has come and gone! The beach will be staffed weekends only in September, though it will remain open daily from 9am to 10pm.

A big thank you to the summer Beach Staff! Best of luck in your future endeavours.



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

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Editorial Content DEADLINE
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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.



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



Indoor Rental Rates

Room	Member	Non-Member
Banquet	\$64.00/Hour	\$80.00/Hour
Studio 1	\$34.00/Hour	\$45.00/Hour
Studio 2	\$34.00/Hour	\$45.00/Hour
Flex Room 1	\$38.00/Hour	\$50.00/Hour
Flex Room 2	\$38.00/Hour	\$50.00/Hour

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)	\$1,360.00
Birthday Party Package – 2 hours in Studio 2 and exclusive Gym use	\$120.00

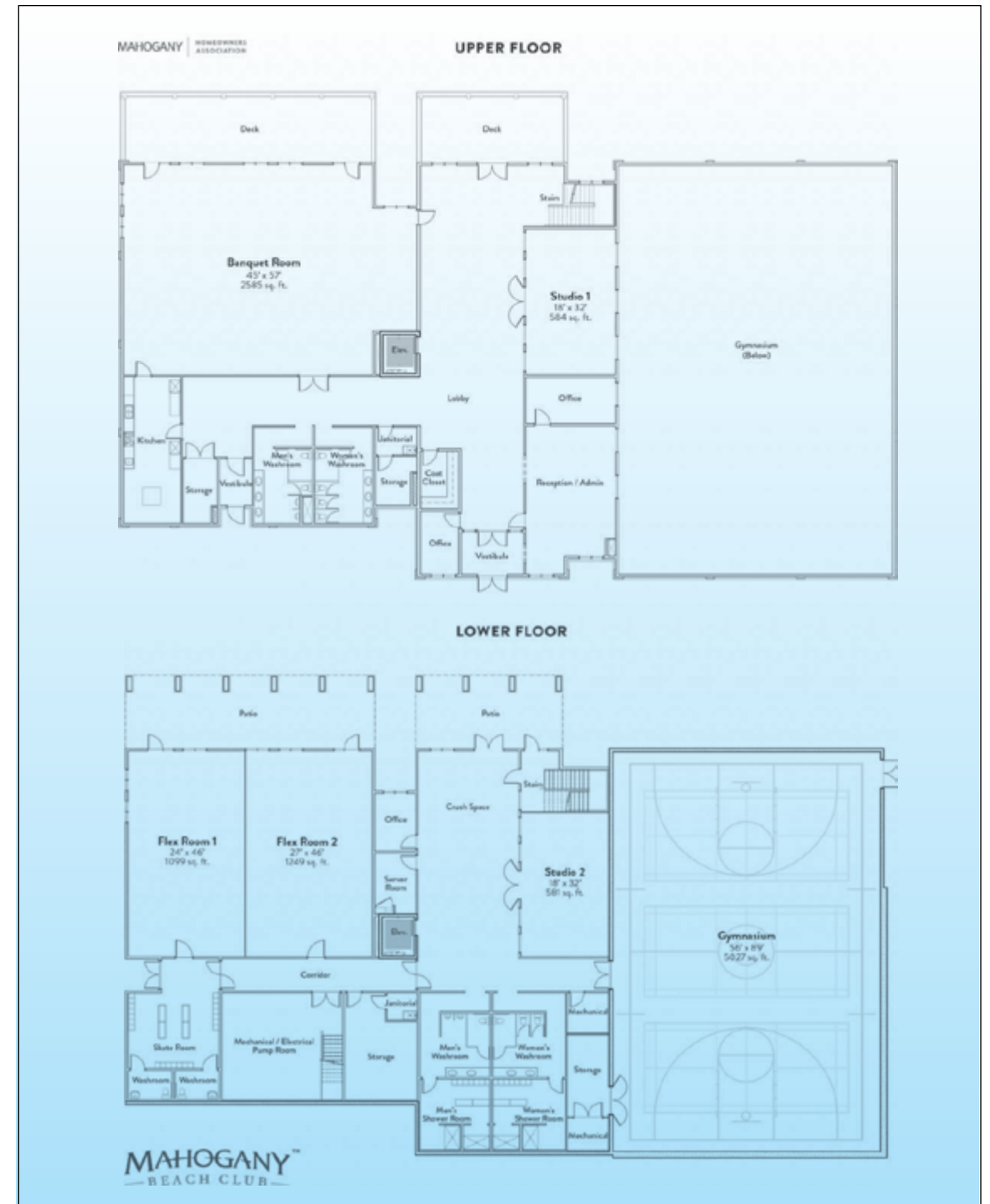
Please call 403.453.1221 or email info@mahoganyhoa.com for further information and to book a rental.
 *Non-member rates available.

Outdoor Rental Rates

If you have more than your 8 guests per household, and would like to enjoy the parks for a children’s party, family BBQ, or any other arranged outdoor event, the MHOA has space for you! Book a spots and have up to 40 people at your outdoor event (including homeowners). BBQs are available at each spot.

Availability	Rate
9:00am-1:00pm Daily	\$25.00
1:30pm-5:30pm Daily	\$25.00
6:00pm-10:00pm Daily	\$25.00

Please call 403.453.1221 or email admin@mahoganyhoa.com for further information or to book an outdoor rental.



MAHOGANY MINUTE

From the Editor

It's my pleasure to work in the community as the editor of the Mahogany Minute, 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, Mahogany Minute

Photo of the Month

This month's winner is Danielle Spencer, who shares a wonderful shot of her husband Brett Spencer with their son Milo. Thanks for sharing Danielle! Please pick up your gift card from the main beach club. For submissions to our regular Photo of the Month contest, anyone recognizable in the photo must provide written consent to accompany the submission and that by submitting your photo you are giving the Mahogany HOA permission for its use. Submissions for the next edition must be received by the 25th of the month.

Thanks also to Doli Lopez for submitting this terrific shot of dad Chris Lopez and cute as a button son Greyson Lopez flying a kite during a recent Mahogany afternoon.



Movie Under the Stars

Face painting, carnival activities, magicians and a family friendly movie on a giant outdoor screen – what could possibly be more fun on a beautiful September night? Join us at the Main Beach Club on September 17 for some outdoor fun! Bring warm clothes, blankets and lawn chairs, sit back and enjoy watching a Movie Under the Stars. Activities start at 6 p.m. and the movie starts at 8 p.m.

This year's movie is Zootopia (PG) and on-site concession will offer treats for purchase. Please bring a food donation to enter the raffle.

Volunteers are always needed and very welcome. Contact volunteers@mahoganyhoa.com for more details. Activity and sponsorship details are available at www.mahoganyhoa.com/events-programs/upcoming-events/.

This event is proudly brought to you by the Mahogany Volunteer Committee, and is open to Mahogany residents and their guests only.

Volunteer Information Session

Come find out what the volunteer committee in Mahogany is planning for the year and ahead and how you might be able to get involved. Join us at the Main Beach Club on Saturday, September 17, 1 – 3 p.m. for the Mahogany HOA Volunteer Committee Info Session.

Casino Volunteers Needed!

The Marquis De Lorne Community Association, of which Mahogany is a part, has set aside money for Mahogany in their budget.

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These funds help lower costs of community programs and maintenance of the building and facilities. Our hope is to raise enough funds to purchase an outdoor electronic bulletin board for community events. Additional funds can be put toward public events such as the Family Fun Run, Blue Water Green Earth Day, and Safety Day. In return for these funds, we need to supply a few volunteers for the casino. If you can help out over the weekend of September 9 and 10, we would love to hear from you!

There are available shifts for the following positions: Banker, Cashier, Chip Runner, Count Room and Spares. Email lhaub@telus.net to volunteer or for more information. The casino will be at the Deerfoot Inn & Casino with 50 volunteers required for day and evening shifts. The MDLCA even pays for lunch/dinner at the casino and a babysitter if required. Why not make this a date night with your significant other?

A Bang Up Beach Blaster

Kudos to the Mahogany HOA social committee and all the volunteers who put on another success Beach and BBQ Blaster. This year, this popular annual event was held at the Main Beach Club on July 23. A special shout out to our sponsors, without whom this, and other events, would not be possible. Thanks to our platinum annual sponsors: Mike Burton/Tim Lacroix, Tim Hortons, Prestige Dance Academy, and South Pointe Toyota!



Operations Committee?

Mahogany's Social Committee may sound like the cool kids on the block, but it's frequently the hard working volunteers of the Operations Committee who do the heavy lifting. Currently the ops committee is looking for a volunteer for the school sub-committee. And did you know we now have a Pet Ambassador! Any inquiries, questions, or desire to volunteer? Reach out to your new chairperson Christopher at chairmanoperationsvc@mahoganyhoa.com.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming on October 15 is a Used Toy and Clothing Sale at the Main Beach House. Details are still being worked out, but you will have the opportunity to rent a table to sell your gently used children's clothes and toys. Any leftover items that owners do not want to keep will be donated to local charity Made By Momma.

And mark your calendars for:

- Halloween Haunt October 29, 12 noon – 3 p.m.
- MaZombi Run October 29, teen event, during the evening
- Parade of Lights December 12

Sponsorship Opportunities

If you have, or know of a business that would like to be a Mahogany sponsor (a number of sponsorship levels are available) contact Jehn at sponsorship@mahoganyhoa.com for an information package.

Last but not least...

Our great activities could not happen without a committed and invested team of volunteers. If you would like to join the Mahogany HOA in making each event a success, please contact volunteers@mahoganyhoa.com. You will need to have a completed police check but this is easily done online and the HOA picks up the cost. Drop us a line and let us know how you can help.



Alberta Health Services EMS

Back to School safety

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and children about a few road safety tips, as streets become more congested, with the return of the school year. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.

Motorists

- Avoid talking on a cell phone, texting, or any other behaviour that diverts your attention away from driving;
- Give right-of-way to pedestrians who have activated overhead crossing lights, or who are waiting to cross from a street corner;
- Remember, it is illegal to pass vehicles - other than those that are parked - in school, or playground zones, during posted hours.

Around school buses

- Flashing amber lights mean a bus is slowing down to stop – motorists should do likewise;
- No matter which direction you are coming from, STOP, when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights – unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you;
- Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.

Pedestrians

- Cross only at marked crosswalks, or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions;
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause and make eye contact with all drivers before stepping off the curb. This is to ensure that motorists in both directions have seen you and come to a complete stop;
- Stay within the crosswalk lines until fully clear of the roadway;
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the “walk” sign and only when all vehicles have come to a complete stop;
- If you are with young children, or pets, hold your child’s hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when crossing;
- Remember: children learn by observing. By demonstrating safe crossing habits, you can reduce the chances of your child being involved in a preventable auto/pedestrian collision.

When your smoke detectors do go off, now what?

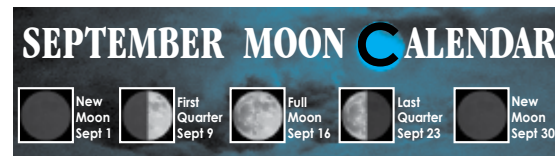
September greetings from your Calgary Fire Department!

GET OUT...STAY OUT...CALL 911!

Making and rehearsing a home escape plan is essential for your family’s safety in the event that there is an emergency in your home

Draw a floor plan of your home making note of all windows and doors.

- Every room in your home requires two ways out. The first way out would likely be the door, the second way out could be a window... IF it can be done safely.
- Make sure all windows can be opened easily by the occupant.
- Windows in basement bedrooms NEED to be a minimum of 3.76 Square feet, AND any security bars that may be on the window need to allow opening without keys or special tools. When planning, consideration needs to be giving on how the occupant of that bedroom will get up to and safely out of the window
- If you live in a multi-level building , when alarms are going off and you are evacuating, use the stairs, never the elevator,
- It is important that you familiarize yourself with the fire safety plan for your building.
- Once you do get out, determine a meeting place such as a tree in a neighbour’s yard . When the first arriving fire truck pulls up, you’ll be able to tell firefighters that everyone is either out safely or still in the building. This is **important** information for the fire crews.
- Practice your home escape plan at least twice a year, perhaps once during the day, and once at night.
- Once you get out, STAY OUT!
- For further information visit Calgary Fire Department at Calgary.ca and watch this fire safety video with your family



I was on holidays this summer and neighbors of the cabin we rented asked my advice about a pet which suddenly started paroxysmal coughing and bringing up white foam late on a holiday night. They also reached out for advice to a veterinary emergency clinic two hours away and their regular veterinarian three hours away.

As veterinarians we were all in a professional quagmire even though we all tried to help these people and their pet. I am not licensed in B.C. and cannot provide veterinary care and advice, but I offered an opinion when asked after examining the pet using only the tools at hand, my senses and experience. The veterinarians on the end of the two phone calls are legally liable if they provide an opinion and they must trust the information being provided by the owner is correct.

We, all three, gave the same advice given the information at hand; information that every pet owner should consider. Airway, breathing, and circulation were considered. The pet’s airway was OK with no hoarseness or evidence of blockage, when she lay down she breathed easily without any impediment, and her heart rate was normal with strong even pulses. When I checked the color of her gums they were pink and if pressed to make them white they immediately pinked up again. So her heart was doing its job.

Bella was not in any apparent pain, given a tiny cookie she swallowed normally, and finally her demeanor, while she was confused she was not panicking and quite calm. The owners were told to give her small amounts of wa-

ter at intervals and we all suspected that she had injured her throat with some foreign object. She did not appear to be in imminent danger. If something had been stuck she would likely not be able to stop coughing and relax. We all recommended waiting until morning.

The next day her owners transported her to her regular veterinarian for her throat to be x-rayed for a fishhook and thoroughly examined with sedation if necessary. Bella, the Labrador, was pronounced ok and that she would likely have a full recovery with time for a minor injury to her throat. This was the case.

Those emergencies when you are far from help can be terrifying and the veterinarian on the phone must err on the side of caution. Any painful condition related to the eye is an emergency in my book, any respiratory problem that doesn’t respond to quiet rest, pale mucous membranes or gums, and unrelenting pain all require seeking immediate help. Fractures, lacerations, and most gastrointestinal disorders all require hands on assessment and treatment. Use the same judgment you would use for your child or spouse, but remember this patient can’t articulate what they are feeling, which is why sight, sound, touch, and smell are imperative to reach your decision to head for help or not. Sometimes you may over react but that is infinitely preferable to the alternative outcome.

I hope everyone and their pets had a safe and relaxing summer.

Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.

FALL PROGRAMMING AT MAHOGANY BEACH CLUB

Check out all that Mahogany has to offer with this wide selection of programs for every age! For information on dates, fees and instructors, please visit the programs page of our website.

Adult Programming

- Cardio Tennis
- Christmas Cheer Crafts
- DDP Yoga
- Karate
- Latin & Ballroom Dance
- Spanish
- Systema – Martial Arts
- Wire Wrap Jewellery Workshop
- Yoga
- Zumba

Youth Programming

- Ballet
- Bricks for Kidz
- Etiquette Factory
- Karate
- Music Together
- Polymer Clay Jewellery & Sculptures
- Spanish
- Sportball Indoor Multisport
- Tennis Lessons
- Voices of Joy – Kids Choir (Ages 8-16)
- Zumbini

Family Spotlight

Would you or your family like to be featured in an upcoming issue of the Mahogany Messenger? Contact MAH@great-news.ca to have your moment in the spotlight!

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How to get your risk profile right

Suzanne Smith-Demers – Consultant

Every investor fears losing money but if you're feeling panic then your risk profile isn't right.

Of course, investing is about picking securities that will make money, it's also about choosing investments in line with your risk tolerance. Determining your risk tolerance can be difficult but when you get it right, investing will be that much easier. Here's how.

Start with your goals You need to know what you're trying to achieve before you can set your asset mix – in other words, define your financial goals. Age is also a factor, be conscious of how much time you have to cope with market corrections.

Understand real market risk You may feel riskier than you really are when the stock market is producing spectacular gains. But when you experience an episode of market volatility, you get a better understanding of your real risk-tolerance.

Some investors can absorb a 20% loss a year and feel comfortable because they know that markets will eventually recover and rise. Others may panic and sell at a loss.

Define your real risk tolerance The first step is to define your time horizon, is it short-term or long-term? Then define your true comfort level with risk by asking yourself how much you're comfortable potentially losing in the short term. Don't just use percentages – "I'd be okay with losing 10% or 15%" — use dollar terms — "If I have X amount invested, I will be comfortable losing Y amount."

By establishing your correct expectations from day one, you won't panic with inevitable market volatility.

Your professional advisor will have a questionnaire to help you achieve the correct risk profile and investment mix for your situation. Make sure you are talking about what really matters to you, beyond the questionnaire.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Nominate Your Neighbours for a 2016 Community Volunteer Award!

Do you know a hard-working and dedicated volunteer who goes above and beyond to make your community a great place to live? Someone who always steps up to help out without being asked, or who takes on big events and sparks excitement among others? If so, nominate them for one of the Federation of Calgary Communities four annual Community Volunteer Awards!

The four award categories are:

Step Up Award

This award winner is a community volunteer who shoulders the responsibility for things that regularly go unnoticed. This individual steps up to help out without hesitation or need for recognition.

Spark Award

This award winner is a community volunteer who engages people to be a part of their community in unique and exciting ways. Through their community work this individual sparks a sense of excitement among residents.

Be Part of It Group Award

This award honours a group of community volunteers whose community contribution improved neighbourhood life and created a sense of belonging.

Community Builder Award

This lifetime achievement award recognizes individuals, organizations or companies whose lifelong dedication to community has impacted and enhanced the quality of life in Calgary.

If you know someone who fits one of the above award descriptions, nominate them today!

Visit calgarycommunities.com for more information and the nomination form.

The nomination deadline is Friday, September 16, 2016.

YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

September 21 to October 2 - Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF): The Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) is a 12-day showcase of up to 200 multi-genre films from Canada and over 40 other countries. The festival hosts gala events, screenings, award ceremonies and special presentations. www.calgaryfilm.com

October 1 - A Little Light Music: This is a chamber music concert with a special focus on well-known Canadian composers. There will be a fun, playful line-up of music in this concert with everything from A Little Light Music to Viva Gershwin. www.scpa.ucalgary.ca/events/little-light-music

October 6 - An Evening With Bethany Hamilton, Soul Surfer: Bethany Hamilton has become a source of inspiration to millions through her story of determination, faith and hope. Hear Hamilton discuss her surfing career and her charitable contributions in this inspirational talk. www.ticketmaster.ca/event/110050A6A6225E87

October 7 to 8 - Disney In Concert: Tale As Old As Time: Start Thanksgiving weekend with some classic Disney tunes performed by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. The popular Disney songs from these films are played alongside clips from the movies. www.calgaryphil.com

October 11 to 29 - Boom: Using images and video, the show explores the musicians, politicians and cultural icons around from 1945 to 1969 that shaped the baby boom generation. www.theatre Calgary.com

October 12 to 15 - Intensional Particle + Split Flow: Hiroaki Umeda is a Japanese multi-disciplinary artist. He's a dancer, a sound, image and lighting designer, and a choreography. He brings two new solo shows to Theatre Junction. www.theatrejunction.com

October 14 to 29 - Fluid Festival: This year marks the 11th Fluid Festival, and just like the inaugural event, this year's Fluid Festival will celebrate dance and physical performance. www.springboardperformance.com

October 15 - Calgary Stampeders PinkPower Game: This football game joins in the fight against women's cancers. Arrive early to the game to purchase limited edition PinkPower merchandise, then watch the Calgary Stampeders take on the Montréal Alouettes. www.stampeders.com

SEPTEMBER 8 TO OCTOBER 16 ILLUMINASIA LANTERN AND GARDEN FESTIVAL

Illuminasia returns to the Calgary Zoo for its second year. This year, the theme is the four seasons and the four noble plants of Chinese culture — one plant is used to represent each season. www.illuminasiacalgaryzoo.com



SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 1 THE PRINT IT YOURSELF FESTIVAL

Learn about the various techniques behind printmaking at the sixth annual Print It Yourself Festival. Learn what goes into making a piece of print art, engage in the process and create a piece of artwork yourself. www.albertaprintmakers.com



OCTOBER 27 TO 29 DRACULA

The Alberta Ballet presents the classical ballet Dracula at the end of October. Special effects, impressive costumes (Dracula wears a 23-foot-long cape) and exquisite choreography bring this horror story to life. www.albertaballet50.com



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Last 12 Months Mahogany
 MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
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
October 2015	\$592,400.00	\$588,450.00
September 2015	\$475,900.00	\$469,900.00
August 2015	\$429,900.00	\$428,000.00

Last 12 Months Mahogany
 MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
July 2016	19	26
June 2016	27	25
May 2016	19	21
April 2016	34	16
March 2016	30	17
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These versatile cue cards are great for both the beginner to jump right into, or for the mature planning representative who needs a brush up on their knowledge. They are available for purchase at the extremely affordable price of only \$5 a set, and can be purchased in sets of one, five or ten in our online store at calgarycommunities.com/online-store.

Need a bit more convincing? Read a testimony from Bryan Ellert of the Downtown West Community Association:

Thank you for developing the Planning Cue Cards! I think you did a great job of making the planning hierarchies more understandable. In my view, the cards help make it a lot easier for members of communities to understand the "big picture" planning policies and where their work needs to "fit in" to help them achieve their goals.



Calgary Humane Society Dental Care

Happy August! We hope you are enjoying a great summer with your two and four-legged family! At Calgary Humane Society we are enjoying a busy season of summer camps. Our annual August adoption event is also just around the corner and we hope you will all come out to celebrate with us!

For many families, summer includes a trip to the dentist to take care of everyone's pearly whites. Dental care is vital for humans, but did you know that pets need dental care too? Each and every year we see dozens of animals at the shelter suffering from dental problems, problems that can result in health issues for the pet and legal problems for the people! Failing to provide dental care to your pet is considered a form of neglect under the Alberta Animal Protection Act and bad teeth can cause unnecessary pain for Fido. Interested in learning more about dental care for your pet? Read on!

Do all pets need dental care?

If your pet has teeth then dental care is an important contributor to overall health! Dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs and even small critters like hamsters and gerbils should have their pearly white inspected regularly as a part of an overall health check-up by their veterinarian.

What are some of the common pet dental procedures?

For dogs and cats the most common dental need is tartar removal and tooth cleaning, much like what you would have done at your own dentist. Extractions are another common dental procedure in pets. Just like humans, cats and dogs can suffer from cavities and gingivitis and if these problems continue unchecked the teeth will need to be removed.

Rabbits and rodents have more complex dental needs. These critters have teeth that grow continuously for their entire lives. Most of the time your rabbit or rodent will do a great job of wearing down their teeth by chewing and eating

rough foods, but sometimes they need a bit of help. An exotics veterinarian will regularly check your pets teeth and can trim or file the teeth if necessary.

What is the cost of dental care for pets?

Just as with humans, the cost for dental care for your pet will depend on the condition of your pet's teeth and the pricing your vet sets for each procedure. We recommend booking a consultation with your vet to discuss your pet's specific dental needs.

What can I do at home to keep my pet's teeth healthy?

Providing an appropriate diet and opportunities for chewing is an important part of maintaining dental health in all animals. Choose toys that are the right size for your pet and made specifically for chewing as some items (like tennis balls) can damage your pet's teeth if chewed.

For additional suggestions we recommend speaking with your pet's vet. Your vet is familiar with your pet's specific needs and will be able to help you develop an oral care plan.

Can I use human toothpaste for my pets?

Human toothpaste should never be used for pets as it contains some ingredients that can be harmful if swallowed by your pet. If your vet has recommended brushing your pet's teeth, you should invest in a good quality pet toothpaste.

What are the main benefits of dental care?

Providing good quality dental care is an important part of health and wellness for pets. Investing in routine dental care sets your pet up for a long and healthy life, and it will also keep Fido's breath smelling great on those long summer car trips!

From all of us at Calgary Humane Society, Happy Summer!



The Tiny but Mighty Bufflehead

Article by J.G. Turner

Photo by Mdf

This very small, compact, buoyant diving duck can be identified by its large, dark, puffy looking head with short, wide, greyish bill. The Bufflehead has an average length of just 36 cm or 14.5 inches, wingspan of about 53 cm or 21 inches, and weight of approximately 411 g or 15 ounces. The best places to spot a Bufflehead are small lakes with marshy edges and open centres, and areas where there are lots of poplar trees and aspen woodlands in central Alberta from the Spring through to late Autumn.

Fun Facts:

- The Bufflehead migrates from Mexico or the Gulf Coast of the United States to breed in Canada, and even as far north as Alaska.
- Buffleheads are one of the last ducks to leave Alberta before winter arrives.
- Where open water remains over the winter, this little duck sometimes stays year round.
- When mature, a female Bufflehead will return each year to the area where she was born to search for a nest cavity in which to lay her eggs.
- She will often choose an abandoned woodpecker's nest and absolutely loves the nest holes carved out by the Northern Flicker.
- As a diving duck, its legs are near the back of its body, so they must 'run' across the surface of the water to gain the momentum needed to take off and fly.
- The Bufflehead is Canada's smallest duck and they can

squeeze through holes only eight centimeters wide!

- Buffleheads are territorial: males will defend a female by diving under water and popping up underneath a rival male. Females will defend the water where they rear their young.

The Bufflehead is one of the scarcest ducks in North America and its numbers continue to suffer from logging and agricultural clearing of poplar stands and aspen woodlands, decreased numbers of Northern Flickers in an area, and human hunting activities.

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal in distress, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society hotline at 403-239-2488, for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at www.calgary-wildlife.org for more information.



Immortality

While we humans obsess about achieving immortality, other organisms seem to do it effortlessly. In 2014, scientists revived Pithovirus sibericum, a virus preserved for 30,000 years in Siberian permafrost, simply by letting it thaw.

-Discover magazine



Living In A Man's World

by Elisabeth Fayt

One thing I look forward to each year is the annual Book Fair in a little lake town where I spend my summer vacations. They cram the local town hall with used books at bargain prices, so I always manage to fill two boxes or more. I figure, if I get at least one good life-changing quote, I've gotten my money's worth. And there it was, a self-help book for women on "How to Thrive in a Man's Environment" filled with pointed advice on how men would like women to communicate with them, such as this nugget: "Spare me the pain, just give me the baby."

What a message, loud and clear. Men just want the facts, Jack. The problem is, as women, we love to do this seductive pole dance around the punch-line, keeping our listener captive with every detail before we get to the point, if we ever get there. Shocker, ladies, this drives our men crazy!

Let's face it, men and women are different. The good news is, we weren't designed to drive each other crazy. What I've learned spiritually is that our goal is to find a balance between our two natures. For men, it means loosening the grip on *reason* long enough to *feel*, and for women it means getting off the emotional train ride long enough to *reason things out*. It's a delicate juggle between heart and head.

It can be done, and we grow spiritually the more we're able to combine the two. It happens with practice, with our bosses, partners and friends, so bring on those relationships that push your buttons and take you to the next level.

STEP INTO FALL

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September Newsletter Content

Another summer has flown by here in Calgary and Council is getting ready to return to session. I'm looking forward to continuing discussions with the Provincial Government about funding the Green Line LRT and getting a look at some of the early feedback from Phase 1 of the Deerfoot Trail Study. Check out my website at www.ShaneKeating.ca for more updates.

"Quick Wins" Coming for Ward 12 Transit Users

As many of you are aware the Green Line project was originally planned as a BRT (formerly known as the SETWAY). Administration previously outlined some "Quick Win" projects that could improve the timing and reliability of the 302 bus service as we worked towards the BRT dedicated lanes.

Thankfully last year Council made the decision to move the Green Line straight to LRT. With this move, many of the "Quick Wins" projects were put on the shelf.

Over the last number of months I have sat down with administration and asked that we revisit some of these "Quick Win" projects. Residents in SE Calgary need reliable transit service right now, and I'm not prepared to ask them to wait until 2024 for that to happen. I am very pleased to see that a few of the original "Quick Win" projects will be moving forward. These are projects that will improve the reliability of the 302 service and act as much needed building blocks towards the opening of the Green Line LRT.

The first of these projects is an improvement at the intersection of Barlow Trail and 114th Avenue SE. The City will install queue jump lanes for buses travelling eastbound and westbound. Buses will enter their own dedicated lane and get an advanced green light before other vehicles at the intersection. This will allow buses to get ahead of traffic and around delays from traffic congestion. Construction on this project will begin in the fall and be concluded by the end of 2016.

Coffee With Your Councillor

It has been my sincere pleasure to be your elected voice on Council since 2010. I believe an important part of my job is checking in with residents to see what their priorities are. On September 27 I will be hosting my second "Coffee With Your Councillor" event to hear your concerns and discuss the municipal issues facing Ward 12. The details for this event are below:

When: Tuesday, September 27, 2016 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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I hope to see you on September 27.



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Welcome to September and with that marks the start to a new school year. As a friendly reminder with all the back to school activities, it is important to be mindful of speeds in the school/playground zones.

It is an exceptionally exciting time for many families in the constituency, whose children will attend new schools in their neighbourhoods. I want to take this opportunity to send best wishes to the children, parents, educators and the respective school boards for a successful inaugural school year.

If you are interested in being involved there are already a few parent groups that are fundraising for the new schools;

Auburn Bay Public School – info@auburnbayschool.com

Copperfield School Fundraising Association – copperfield-schoolfundraising@gmail.com

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212th Avenue interchange

I was disappointed to learn of the current government's decision to not support this important shovel-ready transportation infrastructure project. Halting a project of this economic value land locks 28,000 potential jobs and \$465 million in investment within the constituency.

It is perplexing as to why the government would reject an opportunity to share the cost of this project with the developer and the City of Calgary. Not only is it a great deal for Alberta taxpayers, but it would also make good on the current government's promise to use infrastructure investment to create jobs and grow the economy.

I will continue to advocate for this desperately needed project and would be satisfied to forward your thoughts to the Minister.

For constituents looking for further information on this decision please contact:

Honourable Brian Mason, Infrastructure Minister and Transportation Minister

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