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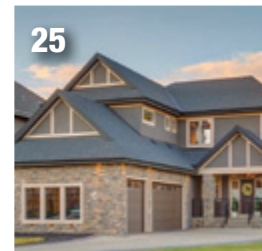
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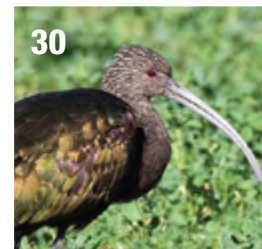
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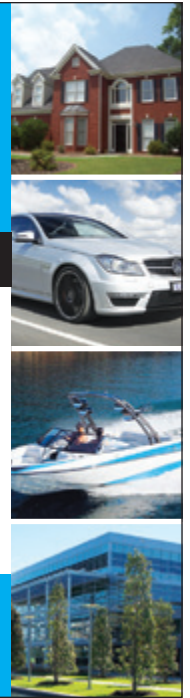
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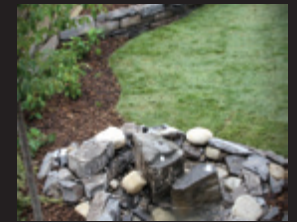
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From the Editor

Every month it's my pleasure to bring you up to speed on what the Operations and Social Committees of the Mahogany Home Owners Association (MHOA) are doing. We would love to get some feedback from you, readers of this column and residents of Mahogany. Please share your thoughts, comments, feedback, and suggestions with me at communications@mahoganyhoa.com.

The goal of the Operations and Social Committees is to ensure the voice of Mahogany residents is heard. We are always looking for members of the community to join us, bringing experience, insight, commitment and passion in aligning to make this great community even better. Want to get involved? Just email the operations, social or volunteer chairs for information on how you can help:

Operations: chairmanoperationsvc@mahoganyhoa.com

Social: chairpersonoperationsvc@mahoganyhoa.com

Volunteers: volunteers@mahoganyhoa.com

Dawn McKay, Editor, Volunteer Voice, Mahogany Minute



Easter Event

Believe it or not, Easter is right around the corner and once again the Main Beach Club will be the site of an Easter Celebration. This year's event is rday, April 8, is free for the whole family and will include activities and refreshments. Running from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., this event, like many others in Mahogany will accept non-

perishable donations to the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank.

2017 Calendar of Events

Easter Celebration	April 8
Family Fun Run	May 27
Blue Water / Green Earth & Safety Day	June 3
Kids' Drive-In Movie	June 16 & 17
Canada Day celebration	July 1
Beach Blaster	July 22
Movie Under the Stars	Sept 16
Fall Fish Release	Oct – date to be determined
Halloween Howl	Oct 28
Ma-Zombie Run	Oct 28
Christmas Market	Nov 18
Parade of Lights	Dec 17

Volunteer Opportunities

Did you know the Mahogany HOA has almost 50 members on the Volunteer Committee? These are the folks who make possible all of the events listed above as well as other less glamorous activities.

We are always looking for more committed people to join the Social and the Operations committees, or to help volunteer at the various events around the community. To join and engaged and vibrant volunteer team, please contact:

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Volunteer Co-Chairs: volunteers@mahoganyhoa.com

We are still looking for Chairs for the Schools and Transit sub-committees

Schools

You've probably seen the work being done on the new school being constructed at the south-east corner of Mahogany Blvd and Marine Drive, where the 2nd traffic circle is located. This is, of course, the new K-6 separate school, slated for opening in fall 2018.

Dinner Club

Who doesn't love food, camaraderie and great conversation? Check out the Mahogany Dinner Club which meets bi-monthly on the second Saturday of September, November, January, March and May and ends the season with a BBQ potluck in the summer.

Each Dinner Club group consists of three or four couples, families, or singles depending on which group you choose to join. Dinner club members take turns hosting the dinner at their home, with each member contributing their menu item for the meal. Typically the host will set the theme and provide a

main dish or protein as well as water, tea, or coffee. Other members will contribute a side dish, dessert, starch, appetizer, etc. as well as any other specialty drinks or wine that they desire. What a great way to get to know your neighbors!

Interested in checking it out? Please contact Patricia at dinnerclub@mahoganyhoa.com.

Contact us

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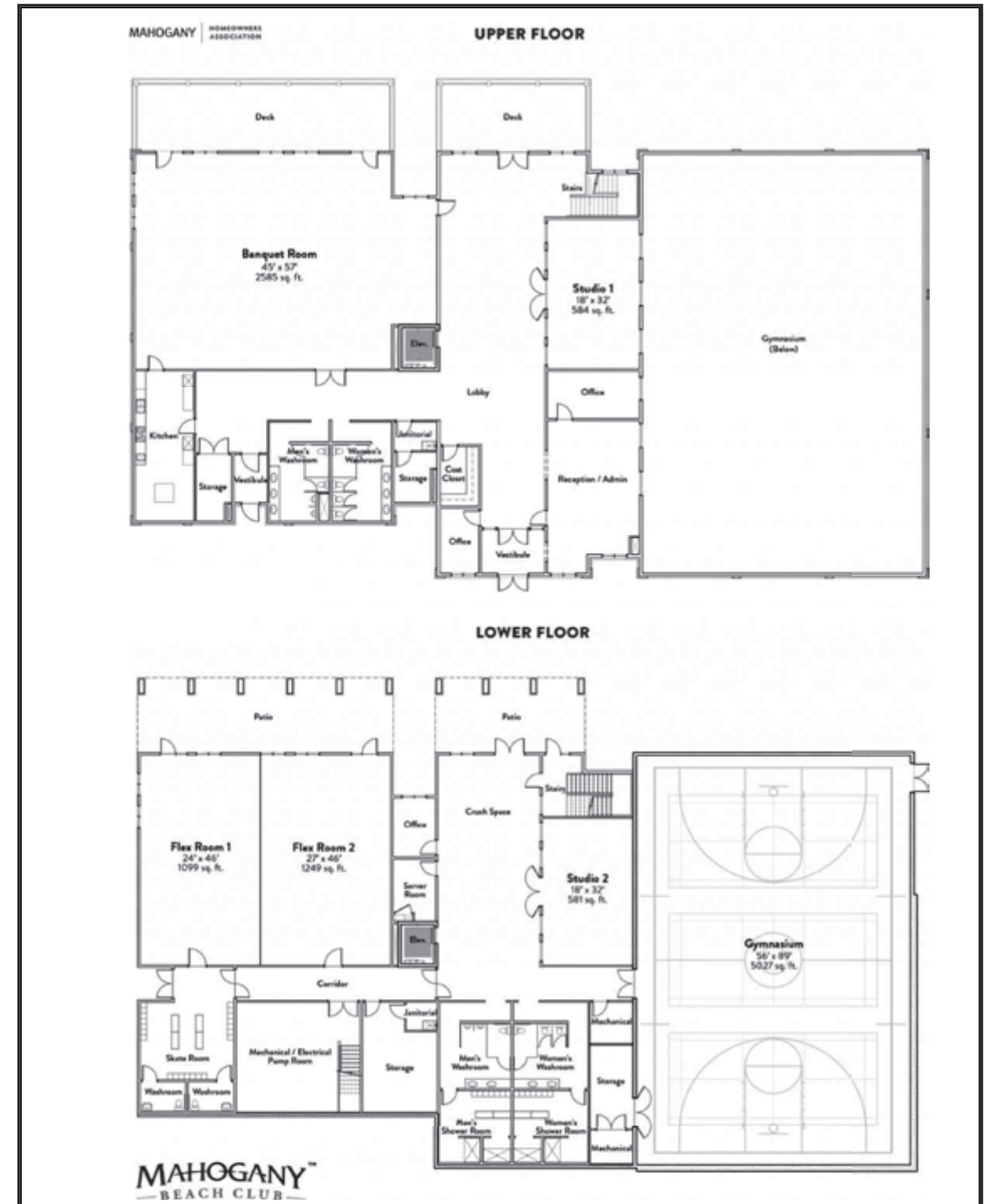
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January 2017	\$514,900	\$501,150
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November 2016	\$589,450	\$575,000
October 2016	\$539,450	\$528,410
September 2016	\$539,900	\$529,000
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June 2016	\$509,900	\$490,000
May 2016	\$589,900	\$580,000
April 2016	\$527,400	\$510,500
March 2016	\$519,900	\$511,000

Last 12 Months Mahogany MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
February 2017	20	16
January 2017	20	12
December 2016	11	11
November 2016	17	10
October 2016	16	14
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Lost Pets

Happy Spring!

Spring is always an exciting season at Calgary Humane Society. At the shelter our dog walkers are thrilled to say 'goodbye' to all the snow and our dogs are even more thrilled to say 'hello' to all the mud! Thankfully we have some top notch volunteer groomers who keep all our furry friends spic and span. Spring also marks a rush of activity for our animal admissions staff. Spring is our busiest season at Calgary Humane Society, in part due to an increase in lost and stray animals.

Having a cherished family pet go missing is extremely stressful, but there are a number of steps you can take to bring Fido or Fluffy home safe and sound.

- 1. Start making lost reports.** When you call, provide as much information as you can about where and when your pet was lost and provide a good description of your pet. The following organizations are a good starting point for lost reports. Make sure to check the lost and found section of the City of Calgary and CHS website as well!
 - Calgary Humane Society Animal Admissions: 403-205-4455
 - City of Calgary Animal Services – 311
 - Post a lost listing on Kijiji/YC Pet Recovery/Local Buy/Sell websites
- 2. Check with local veterinary clinics.** Many lost pets are found by Good Samaritans and brought to local veterinary clinics.
- 3. Put out your pet's things to entice your pet home.** Put food, a favorite bed, litterbox and other familiar objects out to help tempt your pet back home.
- 4. Arrange a search party.** Call friends, relatives and neighbours to help search for your pet. Choose the people that your pet is *most familiar and friendly with* to go out and search.
- 5. Create lost posters and hang them up.** Create lost posters with a picture of your pet. Include a number that you can always be reached at (like a cell phone) on the sign. Hang up the posters in the areas that you think your pet might be, concentrating on areas where lots of people will see the signs.
- 6. Above all, never lose hope.** At Calgary Humane Society we have seen some amazing reunions. We have reunited pets with their family years, and even a decade after they went missing.

Wishing you all a safe and happy spring!

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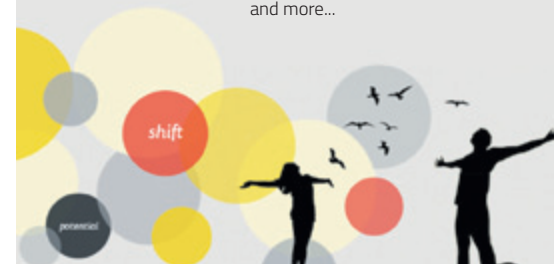
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What to do if You've Got an Issue with Your Legal Bill

By Brian Seaman

If you've got a legal bill that seems too high for the work that was done on your behalf, did you know that you have an option to possibly get it reduced? This process is unique to the legal profession and is set out in the *Alberta Rules of Court*. The review process applies not only to a legal bill and disbursements but also applies to retainer agreements.

The process is relatively straightforward. The provincial department of Justice and Solicitor-General has Queen's Bench Review Officers at its' 11 judicial centres located around the Province; in Calgary, the centre is located at 601 5th Street SW. These Review Officers hold law degrees, have practiced law, and act as important gatekeepers of the integrity of the legal profession by ensuring fairness.

If you have not received a satisfactory explanation as to the charges and disbursements from your lawyer, you may apply for a review of your bill. You have six months from the date that the bill was sent to file what's called a Notice of Appointment of Service; this Form, along with the various other forms you'll need including the Affidavit of Service, can be found online at [https://albertacourts.ca/docs/default-source/default-document-library/review-of-a-lawyer-s-bill-sample-forms-\(november-2010\).pdf?sfvrsn=0](https://albertacourts.ca/docs/default-source/default-document-library/review-of-a-lawyer-s-bill-sample-forms-(november-2010).pdf?sfvrsn=0). The cost for filing is \$100.00 and is payable by cash, credit, debit or cheque or money order payable to the "Minister of Finance and Enterprise of Alberta." Court orderlies at the judicial centre can direct you to the proper counter to file your documents. You need to file the original document, plus three copies, and you'll need to include the account(s) that you want reviewed.

Once you've filed your documents, you must serve the Notice and supporting Affidavit on the lawyer whose

account you're challenging. This can be done by personally attending the lawyer's office and serving the documents, by recorded mail through Canada Post, or by hiring a process server. In any case, unless the lawyer or an assistant has acknowledged service in writing, you will need to file an Affidavit of Service.

You should note that neither Court clerks nor Review Officers can give any assessment as to whether you have an arguable bill for review and what the outcome might be. You should also note that though you may have an agent or proxy to act/speak on your behalf, it is important to attend the Review hearing. If the Review Officer determines that the bill was justified, an award of costs may be made against you. Both you or your former lawyer may appeal a finding of the Review Officer. Finally, there are two exceptions to the rule regarding review of legal charges: i) the beneficiary of a Will can't get the Estate lawyer's charges reviewed; and ii) a Legal Aid account can't be reviewed.

This commentary provides general information about the legal account review process, reflects the author's opinion and is not legal advice. Brian Seaman is a freelance writer/legal researcher.



Trivia

The name Easter owes its origin from Eastre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess who symbolizes hare and egg.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Calgary Fire Department

Greetings from the Community Safety Team of your Calgary Fire Department!

ICE SAFETY

With spring around the corner, now is a good time to ensure that you and your family continue to be safe when it comes to rivers, community lakes, storm ponds, or waterways.

Every year 25-30 Canadians die in ice related incidents, and countless others fall through ice and have a close brush with death.

Some tips to remember:

- Always keep a safe distance from riverbanks and lake-shores to avoid accidentally falling through the ice.
- Don't walk on ice-covered bodies of water, including storm ponds. It's difficult to assess the thickness of the ice and its ability to hold the weight of a person or animal.
- If a person or an animal falls through ice into water, call 9-1-1. Do not attempt to rescue them yourself. Encourage the person to kick and pull themselves up onto the ice and roll, rather than walk, towards the shore.
- For outdoor skating, only skate on open ice surfaces specifically designated for skating, and on City of Calgary or community rinks; for locations visit <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Parks/Pages/Locations/Outdoor-skating-rinks.aspx>

What to do if you fall through ice into water

- Stay calm and try to keep your head out of the water and control your breathing.
- Try to pull yourself up onto the ice and on your stomach then, roll towards the shore, where the ice may be thicker.
- If you can't get out of the water in less than 10 minutes, stop kicking and trying to pull yourself out, and anchor yourself to the ice shelf. Continue to call for help.

If you do witness a person falling through the ice,

Stay back, do not go onto the ice and call 9-1-1.

For further information please <http://www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Fire/Pages/Safety-tips/Ice-safety.aspx>

Stay Safe!

How to Calculate Your Protection Need

Hypothetical Case

Client 1

Debt	\$50,000	(Combined credit cards, loans, and other debts.)
Income	\$360,000	(\$3K/mo. - \$360K/yr., income replacement for 10 yrs.)
Mortgage	\$200,000	(Mortgage balances.)
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You developed your basement and it's beautiful. You're sure any potential buyer would agree that it looks great, and is definitely livable space. But, your real estate professional is correct, the square footage of your basement cannot be included in the size of your home for listing purposes.

In Alberta, real estate professionals are required to follow the Residential Measurement Standard (RMS) when listing a residential property for sale. The RMS contains nine principles that enable real estate professionals, as well as buyers and sellers, to determine and compare the size of residential properties. The RMS sets out the specific parts of a residential property that can be included in its size for listing purposes.

Above grade levels are the levels of a residence that are entirely above grade. Below grade levels are the floor levels of a residence that are partly or fully below grade. If any portion of a level is below grade, the entire level is considered below grade. Below grade spaces include lower levels and basements. The RMS size of a property is, essentially, the sum of its above grade levels. Below grade levels are not included in the RMS area.

Without the RMS in place, there would be little consistency in how real estate professionals, and their sellers, measure and describe their property. Some may want to include their basement (unfinished or not), some may include an enclosed sunroom, while others may include the space created by a bow or bay window.

The RMS provides a consistent means of measuring, and describing, residential property size in Alberta.

Sellers, and their real estate representatives, are welcome to include additional measurement information in their listings, but the primary size listed in the listing must be the size according to the RMS.

Sellers need to remember that size isn't the only factor that will affect a property's list or selling price. Other factors include location, condition, quality of finishing, layout, and even type of ownership. You may not be able to include the square footage of your basement in the total square footage of your home, but the features of your home will set it apart from other properties. Size matters, but it's not the only thing that matters.

"Ask Charles" is a monthly question and answer column by Charles Stevenson, Director of Professional Standards with the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA), www.reca.ca. RECA is the independent, non-government agency responsible for the regulation of Alberta's real estate industry. We license, govern, and set the standards of practice for all real estate, mortgage brokerage, and real estate appraisal professionals in Alberta. To submit a question, email askcharles@reca.ca.

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EMS: Bicycle Helmet Safety

Head injuries are a leading cause of serious injury and death to children riding bicycles*. Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist/pedestrian. Remember – it's the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and highly recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, and cycling.

Getting informed

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury, or even save a life;
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death;
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet;
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

Getting started

- Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them;
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets;
- Parents must lead by example – always wear a helmet when cycling.

Getting the right fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash;
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up, or down over the forehead;
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side-to-side while the straps are unfastened;
- Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears;
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened;
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit, comfort and safety.



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- ✓ Make sure your load only contains yard waste like **leaves, branches and plants**. No sod – it is not accepted in this program.
- ✓ This program is for residential customers only. Fees will apply if your load contains other items.

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Landfill hours have changed

Landfills are open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the following days:

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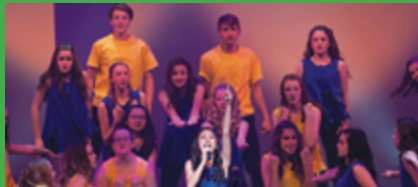


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YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

May 6 – 7, IFK Kickstart Garage Builder's Motorcycle Show - Christine Klassen Gallery

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A fundraising event for JFSC hosted by award-winning comedian, Steve Patterson, and features two of his favourite comics, (Dave Hemstad and Kate Davis) - they perform stand-up, followed by a comedic debate. More info at artscommons.ca/WhatsOn/ShowDetails

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White-Faced Ibis an Unusual Visitor

Article by J.G. Turner

The White-Faced Ibis is a medium sized, dark wading bird, with long dark legs and a long, downward curving bill. Its plumage is dark chestnut in colour, with a purple and green glossy look during the breeding season. Breeding adults have a bare pinkish face in front of the eyes, bordered with white feathers and red eyes. In the non-breeding season, the White-Faced Ibis appears as a much more drab brown bird with dark wings.

Fun Facts:

- This South American native that had its first confirmed sighting in southeast Alberta in 1974.
 - Most of its kind lives in the United States, Central America and the southern half of South America. For the winter this unusual visitor migrates to find warmth in the southern United States.
- The conditions found in that corner of the province were sufficient to attract a small but consistent number of breeding pairs. This bird is considered to be an isolated breeder in the province, separated from other populations, which are breeding further south on the continent.
- This bird's sickle shaped bill is ideal for foraging for its favourite foods. It pokes its bill down into water and mud to find insects, leeches, snails and earthworms, and also fish, crayfish, newts and frogs.
- The White-Faced Ibis chooses to nest in marshy areas where there is dense vegetation such as reeds, cattails and bulrushes and builds its nest from the stalks of these plants.
- The White-Faced Ibis lays a clutch of 3 or 4 green-blue eggs.
- The White-Faced Ibis will live about nine years.

White-Faced Ibis populations have shown modest growth in some areas of North America over the years. However, they face many threats from human activities:

from being hunted to habitat destruction. As the White-Faced Ibis is reliant on wetlands and marshes for both feeding and nesting, changes to wetlands, such as those caused by pollution or draining to increase farmland acreage, can have a very harmful impact on their survival.

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.calgarywildlife.org for more information.



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Congratulations

Congratulations to the residents at **Auburn Heights Retirement Residence** who competed in the All Seniors Games. What an impressive group, including Florence Slavinski, who turned 102 on the day of the closing ceremonies.

Some students at **Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School** recently learned about vulnerable groups of people in the Calgary area and became experts on their particular group. They contacted local government officials to raise awareness, visited the group and became advo-

cates for them. This impressive group presented to the Calgary Foundation to convince them to continue to fund these organizations. At the end they held an assembly to celebrate student learning, which I was able to attend. What an amazing group of future leaders.

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Spring is here – at least officially! A change in the season also means changes to the type of work you should see in your communities over the next few weeks. Roads will begin to prepare for our annual street sweeping program, Parks will begin preparing our green spaces for the summer and construction projects should commence as the ground thaws. If you have questions about what is going on in your community please feel free to let my office know.

Spring Cleaning – Street Sweeping

Crews will be getting ready for a street sweeping schedule that begins in April and goes to the end of June. This annual program removes snow and ice control materials and debris that built up over the winter. In total The City sweeps almost 15,000 kilometers of paved roads. Getting that work done is a collaborative effort and is only fully successful when Calgarians help move their vehicles when crews come through their communities. The community schedule for street sweeping will be available at calgary.ca/sweep

Coming Soon – Residential Traffic Safety Town Hall

Calgary Police Service (CPS) and City of Calgary Transportation have been working together to make find ways to address residential traffic safety issues within our communities. As a result of a Notice of Motion I brought to Council last year, each Ward in the city will have a Residential Traffic Safety Town Hall. Residents are encouraged to come to these meetings and share their feedback with CPS and City Transportation folks. CPS will be able to identify some specific problem areas in your community that may need more enforcement and Transportation can identify if there are traffic flow or engineering issues that could be addressed.

When: Tuesday, May 23, 7:30pm-8:45pm

Where: McKenzie Towne Hall, 40 McKenzie Towne Blvd SE

My office will be finalizing details for this event over the next few weeks. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us!

Let's Grab a Coffee!

In April I'll be having my second Coffee With Your Councillor of 2017. Feel free to drop by and discuss the local issues that matter to you. Coffee is on me!

When: Tuesday, April 25, 7:00pm-8:30pm

Where: New Brighton Resident's Association – 2 New Brighton Drive SE



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Celebrating 150 Years of Confederation

2017 is Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation! This is the perfect time to celebrate the efforts of the Fathers of Confederation, like Sir John A. MacDonald, Sir George-Étienne Cartier, Thomas D'Arcy McGee, as well as the historical events that brought together our beautiful land into the greatest country in the world.

As we come together this year to honour our past, let us remember the sacrifices made by Canada's pioneers and the Aboriginal peoples who shaped our country. In 1840, Upper Canada and Lower Canada were united in the Act of Union to form the province of Canada. The province became the Dominion of Canada in 1867 through the British North American Act, now 150 years ago. It all could have turned out differently. What started as a meeting of maritime colonies for a customs union was quickly taken over by the wily and visionary Sir John A. MacDonald who would become Canada's first prime minister. Since then, successive waves of immigrants have joined our Canadian family and added on to our distinctive national character where we respect our traditions, value hard work and honour our past.

As we celebrate the 150 years of Confederation, it's important to reflect on the efforts and lives that have fought for the unification of people, languages, and provinces into the Dominion of Canada. We enjoy freedom and prosperity in this great country, but we didn't get here overnight and we can't take it for granted.

There are ways to celebrate this great milestone all across the country. I encourage you to fly a Canadian flag at your home during this important year and you can request a flag from my office by going to my website at www.tomkmiecmp.ca/canadian_flags, calling my office at 1-855-852-5710, or by emailing tom.kmiec@parl.gc.ca. If you're interested in the work I'm doing in Parliament, follow my Facebook page and Twitter for frequent updates @TomKmiec and [facebook.com/TomKmiec](https://www.facebook.com/TomKmiec).



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