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www.mahoganyhoa.com/events

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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

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Summertime in Mahogany



With summer just around the corner, here are some handy tips to get your property summer-ready, and to keep our public parks and greenspaces looking great! Take advantage of the early-summer season and get a jump on completing your property's landscaping! By completing your front, side and rear-yard landscaping as soon as you can, you're beautifying your property, and Mahogany as a whole. Pick up garbage and pet waste from your yard that may have been left behind by Old Man Winter – and don't forget to collect garbage that may have settled between your house and your neighbours! When walking your dog, be sure to carry a pet waste bag with you and clean up after your four-legged friend immediately. This keeps our parks and green spaces clean and safe for others to enjoy!

Rake up any dead grass and leaves from your property, and remove any dead leaves and stalks from perennials and ornamental grasses – this will help your grass and flower beds grow more quickly and healthily. Mow your lawn regularly – this discourages undesirable grasses and weeds, while keeping your yard looking great! Keep your lawn green by watering regularly. We recommend watering early in the morning or after it cools off in the evening, and giving your lawn at least one inch of water per week. Trim hedges, trees and shrubs on your property – but be careful not to cut or prune City trees. Keep things tidy! Keep yard waste, loose garbage, bottles, cans and boxes stored out of sight so that your beautiful yard and home – and not your recycling – are on display!

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**Upcoming dates:
July 5 & 19**



Personal Boat Use

When using your own boat in the lake please remember that PFDs are always required. Follow the rules on cleaning and drying your boat to help prevent Whirling Disease. More information on the prevention of Whirling Disease can be found at www.mahoganyhoa.com/lake-status-update/.

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.
- 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 barbeques.
- 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 the age 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 Homeowners Association encourages the practise of catch-and-release to make fishing more enjoyable for the families of Mahogany, however members are now allowed to remove fish from the lake. Members are allowed 2 fish per day per household up to 12 fish per month. This is a household limit and includes fish caught by your guests. Please report your catch by telling Beach staff onsite, phoning the main office or emailing reception@mahoganyhoa.com. Fishing is permitted from the Fishing Dock, Private Docks and fishing boats. Fishing from shore is permitted on the south side of the MBC fishing dock up to the bridge. Absolutely no live bait 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 roller blading. 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.



VOLUNTEER VOICE

From the Editor

It's summer and Mahogany is the place to be. With two beach areas, numerous parks, a fantastic walk / bike path, new retail spaces, and a vibrant and engaged population, is it any reason Mahogany continues to attract new homeowners? This month we will share, as usual, the activities of the Operations and Social Committees of the Mahogany Homeowners Association (HOA). To that end, please tell us how we can do a better job of communicating the many activities the HOA organizes every year. Email the editor at communications@mahoganyhoa.com.

Dawn McKay, Editor

Get your meetings on!!!

Are you wondering how you can learn more about what goes on in Mahogany and how you can help?

The Operations and Social Committees both meet once a month at the Main Beach Club for update meetings and to discuss upcoming events and initiatives. Both meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the Month at 8 p.m.

If you would like to sit in and observe you are welcome to drop in. If you would like more information about the inner works of either committee, you can contact Evan Spencer (Social Committee) chairpersonsocialvc@mahoganyhoa.com or Chris Thurber (Operations Committee) chairmanoperationsvc@mahoganyhoa.com.

Volunteer Profile

Each month we feature a volunteer of the Operations or Social Committees, those hard working neighbours who make things happen in our community. This month we spoke to Dr. Patricia Truong, a long-time volunteer with the HOA.

Position with the HOA: Dinner Club Chair

How long have you lived in Mahogany: Five years in August. We moved from the far north-west. It was a big move for us and we were excited to meet some of our

new neighbours. We joined the Mahogany Dinner Club as soon as we moved in and have been members ever since. I enjoyed it so much; I decided to chair the Dinner Club for our community.

Your job in real life: Dentist. I have been practicing dentistry for 11 years and I really love it. In addition to clinical dentistry, I am the lead dentist for clinical teaching at CDI College and also participate in the Alex Dental Bus, which helps to provide free dentistry for underprivileged children around the city.

Family: A wonderful husband Barney and two beautiful girls, Madeleine and Michaela.

What is your favourite thing about living in Mahogany? Mahogany is such a close knit community and I love that we truly get to know the people in our neighbourhood. We have formed many lasting friendships and can't imagine living anywhere else! We love spending lazy days at the beach as a family with our neighbours and I feel very fortunate to live in such a wonderful community.

If you could have super power what would it be? Aside from being a dentist, I also train as a Professional Fitness Model. I'm not quite there with the superhuman capabilities but I'm working on it :)

If you would like a deserving Mahogany volunteer to be profiled in an upcoming issue, please email communications@mahoganyhoa.com.

The official Mahogany HOA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/mahoganyhoa/>) is the place to look for ongoing and upcoming events including Drop-In Coffee and Crafts; the Book Truck (Mobile Library); announcements; the gym schedule; lake, ice, and rink information; and much more.



Mahogany Photo Throw Down

Head on over to the Mahogany HOA Facebook page www.facebook.com/mahoganyhoa to see the winning photo for May's Mahogany Photo Throw Down. Congratulations Mariam Masood for the win! With the glory comes a gift card courtesy of the HOA Volunteer Committee.

Mahogany HOA Facebook Page

The HOA's Facebook page has over 1,400 members – are you one of them? Check the Facebook page regularly for lake conditions, road closures, ongoing events, activities at the Main Beach Club and in the community, and more!

Past Events

May and June were particularly busy months in Mahogany. During the past couple of months, successful events included:

Father's Day Drive-in Movie Night.

Held at the Beach Club on June 16, kids were encouraged to bring a cardboard box big enough to sit in that they then decorated before watching the movie *Storks*. And kids were also encouraged to bring Dad!!

Blue Water Green Earth

Once again Mahogany residents and Calgary divers worked to clean up our lake and our neighbourhood at this annual event. About 30 divers with Adventures

in Scuba braved the cold waters of the lake to retrieve garbage that consisted mostly of construction debris, including a lot of lumber and a wheelbarrow that has resided at the bottom of the lake for a few years! Thank you to Ken Jackson for organizing, to Hopewell for disposing of the garbage and to all the volunteers who turned out to help keep Mahogany beautiful.

Family Fun Run

The Copperfield Mahogany Community Association is having a free Stampede barbecue, open to the public, on July 5 between 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. It will be held at the Copperfield Hall, 6 Copperstone Way SE and will feature a number of family-friendly events.

Upcoming Events

Canada Day Celebration

We're turning 150! Well, our great country is! Mahogany's annual Canada Day celebration is a family friendly community event featuring a delicious pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. There will be a bouncy house for kids and games for kids of all ages. Grab your lake card and your best red and white outfit while we wave the flag for Canada!

Community Association Stampede Barbecue

The Copperfield Mahogany Community Association is having a free Stampede barbecue, open to the public, on July 5 between 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. It will be held at the Copperfield Hall, 6 Copperstone Way SE and will feature a number of family-friendly events.

Games Night

Watch the Mahogany HOA Facebook page for information on upcoming Games Nights, with the next one scheduled for July 8 at the Main Beach Club between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Social Committee is happy to welcome Aaron Rowsell who will be facilitating these family friendly events the second Saturday of every month

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VOLUNTEER VOICE

Beach Blaster

This year's Beach Blaster will be an action packed event for Mahogany residents. Scheduled for Saturday, July 22 from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., this is one of the more popular events organized by the Social Committee, and this year headed up by Kim Clelland and Genniline Camarillo, get ready for:



- **BBQ**
- **Basketball and Beach Volleyball Tournaments**
- **Fishing Derby (for kids of all ages; some fishing rods will be available to borrow)**
- **Boat Scavenger Hunt**
- **Sand Castle Competition**
- **Hydroblasters**
- **Slip and Slide Races**
- **Kids Games**
- **Face Painter**
- **Balloon Animals**
- **Giant Bubbles**
- **Zorb Balls on the Lake**
- **Bouncy House**
- **Bumper Balls**
- **Caricature Artist**
- **Silent Auction – with 26 prizes donated to date!**

Looking to volunteer at this or other events? Please contact volunteers@mahoganyhoa.com.

Following on wildly successful 3 on 3 Hockey and Basketball tournaments earlier this year, the Sports Committee is planning both a **FREE 3 on 3 basketball tournament** and a **FREE 3 on 3 volleyball tournament** as part of the Beach Blaster. For more information, email Steve at sports@mahoganyhoa.com.



Ball Hockey Tournament

The Mahogany Sports Committee, with Shawn French and Steve Laidlaw, is in the early stages of organizing a Ball Hockey Tournament for August 25 – 27. For more info, contact sports@mahoganyhoa.com.

Other upcoming events

- **Movie Under the Stars**
Sept 16, 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. Kristy O'Grady
- **Halloween Howl**
Oct 28 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. Kerry Skrapek
- **Ma-Zombie Run**
Oct 28 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Evan Spencer
- **Christmas Market**
Nov 18 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mallory James
- **Parade of Lights**
Dec 17 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Noelle Padilla

Dinner Club wrap up - New Date!

Mahogany's Dinner Club season will wind up August 12 from 3:30 – 5:30. This outside event will feature a pot-luck barbecue and is open to all. If you are looking for the chance to join a regular social event with new or familiar neighbours, you join or create a dinner club via this group. For more information, contact Patricia at dinnerclub@mahoganyhoa.com.

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Community Garden

Mahogany's Pilot Project Community Garden is well underway at a private plot in the community. This endeavor is open to anyone with a green thumb or wishing they had a green thumb! The current crop is comprised of numerous vegetables along with raspberries. This project will eventually morph into a larger garden adjacent to Mahogany. Interested in checking this out? Email Dan at communitygardens@mahoganyhoa.com.

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- **Junction Church (Formerly Southwinds Mahogany)**

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Did you know that Mahogany offers a wide variety of programs at the Main Beach Club and West Beach?

We've got Summer camps which include Bricks4Kidz, Young Rembrandts, as well as seasonal offerings such as Stand-Up Paddleboard, Swimming, Kayak lessons and many more! Gather a couple of your friends to join you in a class, or sign your kids up for a new program!

Fall Program registrations will open mid-July, please stay tuned.

SUMMER KIDS' CAMPS

Baseball, Soccer, T-Ball, Music & Drama and more!

Register at www.SouthwindsMahogany.ca/summer-camps

Outdoor bookings

Registration for outdoor bookings at the Mahogany Beach Club and West Beach is now open! Bookings are being accepted from May 20 to September 5. Weekends fill up quickly, so register early to avoid disappointment!

Time slots:

9:00am-1:00pm

1:30pm-5:30pm

6:00pm-10:00pm

Maximum of 40 people (including members, guests, children and babies) per booking.

Guest lists are required 72 hours before your event to ensure the staff can check in your guests.

Please note that all bookings must be done in person at the Main Beach Club office and require a non-refundable booking charge of \$25.00 plus GST for each.

We are looking forward to a fun outdoor season!



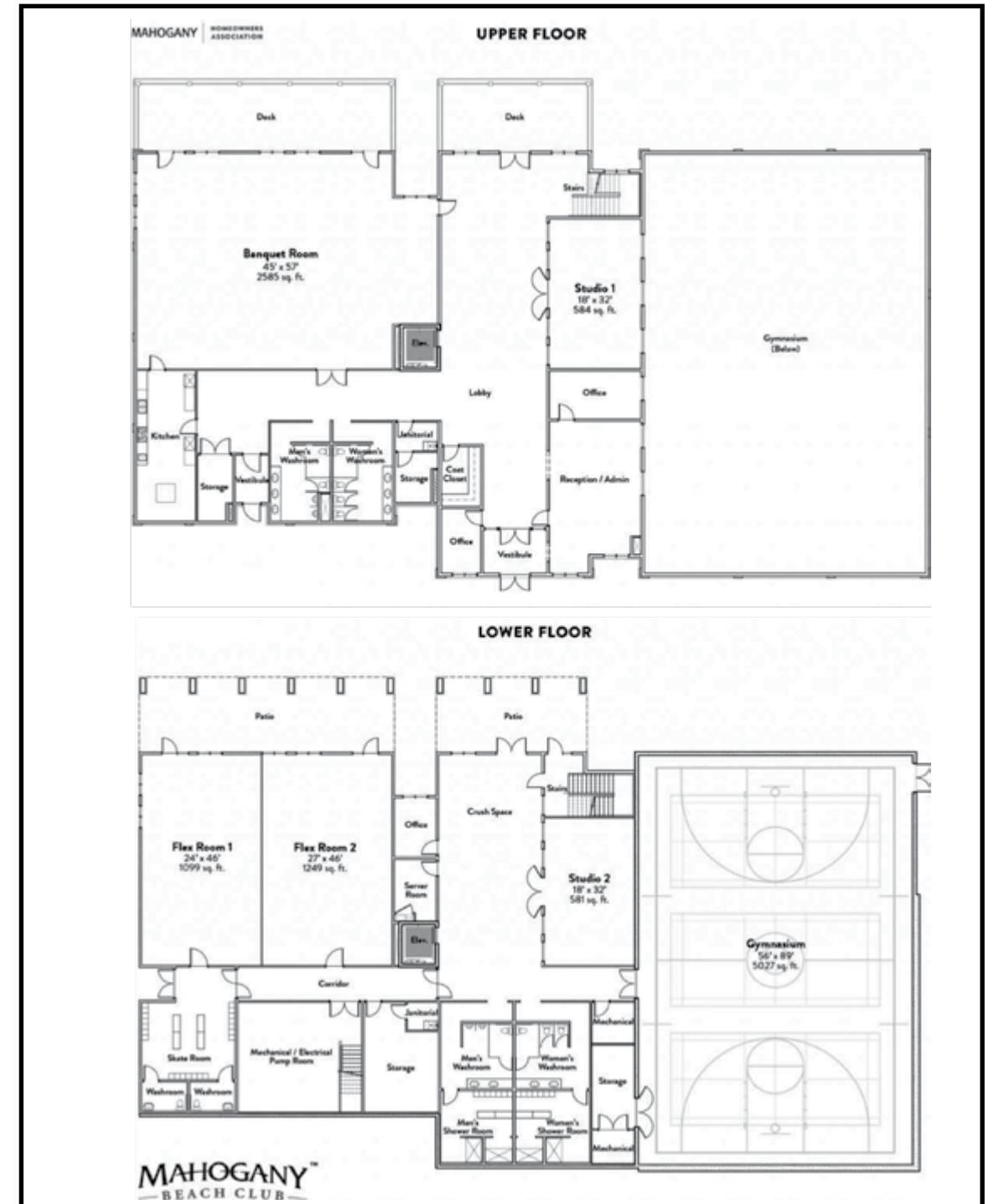
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Indoor Rental Rates

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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	

*Non-member rates available.

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 Grey Jay

Article by J.G. Turner

In 2016, the Royal Canadian Geographical Society asked Canadians to identify candidates for an 'official' bird for Canada, intending to lobby the Canadian Government to make the final choice official to mark Canada's 150th birthday in 2017. The winner was the Grey Jay which is also known as the Gray Jay, the Canada Jay, the Whiskey/Whiskey Jack, the Camp Robber, the Meat Hawk and the Moose Bird.

The Grey Jay is the only grey coloured Jay in North America and is 28 to 33 cm (11 – 13 in) from beak to tail's tip, has a 45 cm (18 in) wingspan and weighs about 70 g (21.5 oz) The Grey Jay is a large fluffy grey bird with white head, black nape, short black bill, and long tail but no head crest. It has variations in its colouring in different regions and is often visually confused with Northern and Loggerhead Shrikes. This mischievous bird lives year round in every province and territory of Canada, thriving in cold temperature extremes (up to -30 C). The Grey Jay is found in boreal regions from the tree limit in the far north through mountains and foothills, coniferous and mixed forests, bogs and fens, picnic and campsites across the country.

Fun Facts:

- The Grey Jay is a member of the Corvidae family of birds, along with other Jays, Crows, Magpies and Ravens. This is a highly intelligent group of birds known for their boisterousness, persistence and adaptability to the presence of humans in their environment. The Grey Jay is said to have the same "brain to body size ratio" as dolphins and chimpanzees!

- These birds are of the earliest nesters in Alberta, laying eggs as early as late February. This gives their young most of the year to learn to forage and store food for their first winter.
- Grey Jays are omnivores and eat seeds, scavenge carcasses (part of nature's clean up crew), and eat eggs and nestlings of other birds.
- Grey Jay cold weather adaptations include:
 - catching small chunks of food by covering it with their sticky saliva, and 'gluing' the food to tree trunks, twigs or conifer needle clusters. The Grey Jay remembers where it stores this food!
 - allowing solar radiation to penetrate their feathers while still keeping their insulating qualities; and
 - decreasing their body temperature at night.
- You may be able to attract the Grey Jay to your backyard feeder with suet, rolled oats, shelled sunflower seeds, or dry dog and cat food.

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society 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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Strathmore Stampede - 33 Wheatland Trail, Strathmore, AB, T1P 1V2 – Aug. 4 – 7

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Taste of Calgary – Eau Claire Market Plaza, Aug. 10 – 13

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I want to buy a resale condominium, but I'm worried about rising fees and possible assessments. How can I ensure the condominium is a good one?

Condominiums can be a great housing option, and with some due diligence, you can find one that is well suited to your needs, and a financially-sound purchase.

Condominium refers to a type of ownership that includes the individual ownership of a unit and shared ownership of common property with other unit owners. Condominiums can be apartment-style, townhouses, attached, or detached.

Condominium owners typically pay monthly condominium fees to cover their share of expenses for the common property, and some of this payment goes into the condominium corporation's reserve fund.

The reserve fund is used to pay for major capital repairs and replacements. All condominium corporations must have a reserve fund. As a buyer, you want a condominium corporation that has a healthy reserve fund because it reduces the likelihood of a special assessment. Special assessments occur when a condominium corporation has major work to do and there isn't enough money in the reserve fund. The corporation assesses an amount owing to the owner of each unit.

So how can you find out if the corporation you're thinking of buying into is a healthy one? A good place to start is a condominium document review.

Condominium documents relate to the operation of the condominium corporation, which you want to ensure is financially stable and well managed. Condominium documents include but are not limited to:

- current reserve fund study (5 years old or less) and 25-year reserve fund plan
- current operating budget and fee schedule
- current balance sheet
- registered bylaws

When buying a condominium, you can hire a professional to review your condominium documents. They can provide you with a summary of the documents, and identify areas about which you might have concerns. Reviewing condominium documents can uncover financial difficulties, bylaws you find unacceptable (for example, restrictions as to size, number, or type of pet), upcoming necessary maintenance, or even discussion in Board meeting minutes about water issues.

Even a healthy reserve fund and a review of condominium documents can't guarantee you won't have a special assessment or that your fees won't go up. In fact, you should expect your fees to go up a small amount each year, from factors such as inflation or rising utility costs. However, reviewing the condominium documents will give you a good idea of the health of your condominium, and if it's the right one for you.

"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.

Green Cart Food and Yard Waste Program

Deer Ridge anticipates receiving the Green Carts about the end of August. Please visit calgary.ca/greencart to get additional details on the Green Cart Food and Yard Waste program.

Green Cart Q&A

As green carts are set to roll out this summer, here are some common questions you may have about the program.

Why are we doing this?

More than half of what's in our garbage is material that could be composted. Composting can reduce what goes into our landfills by half and instead creates a high quality, nutrient rich compost for local gardens, parks and farms. A great video to watch is available at calgary.ca/greencart.

What if I already compost in my backyard?

Continue to backyard compost and use your green cart too. You'll be surprised how many materials such as meat, bones, dairy, cooked foods, pet waste, tree branches can now go in the green cart.

What about smells and rodents?

We found that residents in the pilot didn't experience an increase in pests around their carts. Collecting food and yard waste in the green cart is similar to putting them in the garbage. If your household hasn't experienced problems with pests and food odours in the past, it's unlikely you will with the new system. Some good practices to follow include:

- Empty the kitchen pail into your green cart every 2-3 days.
- Keep the lid of the kitchen pail and green cart closed.
- Put your green cart out for collection every week, even if it's not full.
- Sprinkle a small amount of baking soda or vinegar in your kitchen pail and green cart.

Will compost return to the community?

Yes, some compost will be available to the community for free through community gardens and select give-away days starting in 2018. The majority of the compost will be sold in bulk to landscape suppliers with the proceeds reducing the processing costs and lowering the program fee.

Keep an eye out for your green cart and starter kit that will be arriving this summer. A community delivery schedule is available at calgary.ca/greencart.

Chip in Fore Communities on Friday, August 11!



Are you itching for a fun game of golf that includes lunch, 18 holes in a power cart with goodies along the way, a delicious dinner, a fantastic foursome competition, and the opportunity to win amazing prizes, while also supporting a great cause? If so, register today for the Federation of Calgary Communities 5th Annual *Chip in Fore Communities* Golf Tournament, presented by Save-On-Foods! The tournament will take place on Friday, August 11, 2017 at The Canal at Delacour Golf Club.

Registration fees are extremely affordable at only \$160 for an individual golfer and a discounted rate of \$600 for a foursome! Your fee includes lunch, 18 holes of golf in a power cart, and dinner.

There are 152 community associations in Calgary who need a support organization that understands their needs. The Federation of Calgary Communities is that organization. This golf tournament will help raise funds for the Federation of Calgary Communities to continue providing programs and services that help community associations build capacity, support and mobilize residents, be on the front lines of important issues in their community, and improve neighbourhood life in Calgary.

Help us help them by golfing with us on Friday, August 11! Visit calgarycommunities.com/events to register today.

If you have any questions or are interested in finding out more please contact Rebecca with the Federation of Calgary Communities at communityrelations@calgarycommunities.com or (403) 244-4111 ext. 204.

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RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

Book Review
 by Barbara Sharrock

Are you at a place in your life where you are facing a new path? Has a new path been chosen for you by the loss of a job or change in your health? Has there been an event in your family – a new baby or loss of a loved one? Outgrown your house? Want to downsize? Move to Mexico? Is it time once again to step back and do some serious thinking about the next chapter? Richard Leider and David Shapiro have written *Repacking Your Bags: Lighten Your Load for the Good Life* with you in mind.

This book is for students, homemakers, businesspeople, professionals and retirees. It is about making choices, after having a courageous conversation with yourself (and perhaps others). Consider these questions:

What's next for me? Why doesn't all this make me happy? What do I want to be when I grow up? How can I find my life's work? How shall I reimagine my life?

We have a long life span, and the career and relationship choices we made in our youth may have served us well for our whole lives, but chances are some of them have been discarded for new adventures along the way. Imagine you have a backpack crammed with all the stuff you have in your life, including people. Is your stuff weighing you down? "The Packing Principle" states that we keep adding things and responsibilities until we get to a point where we cannot carry them anymore. It is time to lighten your load. Cleaning out the closet and donating to charity helps. Going through the pantry and discarding unused and out-of-date food is easy. Putting your home on the market and buying a different one may be appropriate. Or not. It isn't what we have, it's how we have it. The challenge is to match our values today with our stuff, so that what we have is what we want, both literally and figuratively.

What is The Good Life? It is a life that gives an authentic sense of joy. Here is Leider and Shapiro's definition: Living in a place you belong, with the people you love, doing the right work...on purpose.

We reimagine over and over again as circumstances change. Our lives do not proceed in a tidy straight line, but contain hills and valleys, switch-backs, and unexpected zig-zags. A little help is sometimes required. In this wise and practical guide, the authors offer the reader exercises and stories to assist with the challenging work of examining what is in the backpack and determining what should be kept and what should be left, this time, at this junction in the road.

Barbara Shorrock is a reader, writer, gardener, traveler, ESL coach and retired realtor. She can be found most first Wednesdays at the Queensland Garden Club, which welcomes all gardeners, new and experienced. We don't care where you live.

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FOR ART'S SAKE

Art Out-of-Doors

Summer is here, and I'm sure many of us are looking for ways to experience the arts out-of-doors, in the sunshine (hopefully not in the rain!) Like the warming rays of the sun give us vitamin D, helping to improve our mood and overall personal well-being, so does listening to music, viewing art, or seeing live theatre. According to the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, "the quality of a community's cultural infrastructure has a direct impact on quality of life."

Fortunately for us in Calgary, there are some fabulous opportunities to get our happy on and enjoy the arts outside during the month of July. Kick off your summer season with the free Canada Day celebration on Olympic Plaza with music, parades, and of course, fireworks! Among many other exciting events that day, Arts Commons and The City of Calgary are inviting 1,500 musicians to perform *Four Strong Winds* together with legendary Alberta musician, Ian Tyson – for free! To view the full lineup of Canada Day activities, you can visit Calgary.ca/Canada150.

Also happening in July, Music in the Plaza returns to Heritage Park, giving you a great opportunity to introduce your kids to a music performance without the pressure of having to sit still, and Theatre Calgary's Shakespeare on the Bow is back for another year with *As You Like It* at Prince's Island Park. Then, of course, there's the ever-popular Calgary Folk Music Festival where you can stroll from stage to stage enjoying an all-star lineup of folk musicians carefully selected for your listening enjoyment. What better way to enjoy your summer months than to combine the arts and fun in the sun?

For a full list of Calgary's festivals this summer, indoor and outdoor, you can visit todocanada.ca/festivals-in-calgary.

This column is provided by Arts Commons. Located in the heart of Calgary's vibrant downtown core, Arts Commons is home to six distinct performance venues.

SAFE & SOUND

EMS: Heat Related Illness

With the return of summer weather, Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind everyone to stay safe in the heat and sun this season. While children and the elderly may be more susceptible to the effects of heat and sun, basic prevention measures should be taken by all to avoid a heat related illness during periods of hot and humid weather.

Heat exhaustion

- Heat exhaustion can occur due to excessive fluid loss during periods of prolonged sweating in a hot and/or humid environment (indoors or outdoors).
- Patients may suffer headaches, weakness, fatigue, nausea/vomiting, thirst, chills, and profuse sweating.
- The patient is usually cold and damp to the touch and the skin may appear pale or dusky gray.

Heat stroke

- Heat stroke is a medical emergency which, without prompt treatment, could be fatal.
- It occurs when the body can't cool itself naturally (e.g. perspiration). The body's temperature will continue to rise to dangerous levels.
- Due to severe dehydration and the inability to sweat, the patient may appear flushed, and skin may be hot and dry to the touch.

First aid

- First aid for all heat related illness begins with removing or sheltering the patient from the hot environment.
- Remove excess or tight fitting clothing, and allow them to rest in a cool environment.
- If the patient is conscious and alert, provide suitable fluids such as: water, juice, or a sports drink.
- If you are concerned, seek medical attention or call 9-1-1.

Prevention

- Stay well-hydrated by drinking plenty of water.
- Be aware that excessive alcohol consumption will promote dehydration.
- Always wear a broad brimmed hat to keep the sun off your face and neck.
- Apply a broad spectrum, waterproof sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30+, especially for children. The sun's UV rays peak between 11am-3pm, even on cloudy days.

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YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Green Carts are coming this summer

Starting this June, green carts will be rolled out to all households for food and yard waste collection. Here are some details on the rollout.

Green cart collection start dates

Green carts will be rolled out by quadrant. Once all residents in a quadrant have their carts, collection will begin as follows:

Quadrant	Cart delivery	Weekly green cart collection starts:
SW	June 5 - July 15	Week of July 17
NW	July 3 - August 12	Week of August 14
NE	August 7 - September 2	Week of September 4
SE	August 28 - September 30	Week of October 2

Three things to do when your cart arrives

- 1. Bring your cart up to your home.**
Carts will be delivered to the front of your home. Bring your cart up to your home and store it in a safe place (e.g. garage, against the side of your house or back fence).
- 2. Look inside the green cart.**
Everything you need to get started is inside the cart. This includes:
 - Kitchen pail and sample compostable bags.
 - Sample paper yard waste bags for extra yard waste that doesn't fit inside the cart.
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- 3. Consult your collection schedule.**
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January 2017	\$514,900	\$501,150
December 2016	\$536,900	\$516,000
November 2016	\$589,450	\$575,000
October 2016	\$539,450	\$528,410
September 2016	\$539,900	\$529,000
August 2016	\$559,900	\$552,500
July 2016	\$587,400	\$587,400
June 2016	\$509,900	\$490,000

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	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
May 2017	18	17
April 2017	20	24
March 2017	28	27
February 2017	19	16
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Whirling Disease

Whirling disease is caused by a parasite and affects salmonid fish including trout. It can be transmitted through spores that attach to equipment used for swimming, paddling, boating and fishing. While there are no health concerns for people from the disease, it has the potential to wipe out the trout population in the lake.

Help prevent the spread of Whirling disease into our lake! With Whirling Disease being detected in the Bow River watershed, please be diligent about cleaning your equipment between bodies of water.

Clean and inspect your boat and all equipment that has been in contact with water. This includes boats, boots, waders, PFDs and swimming floats. Remove mud, sand and plant materials. Rinse, scrub or pressure wash your boat and equipment using hot water if possible (90°C or hotter).

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Ward 12 Newsletter Update

Canada Day feels a little bit more special this year. This year Canada turns 150 years old – that calls for a celebration! Check out Calgary.ca/CanadaDay to see some of the exciting events that should be fun for the entire family.

ActivateYYC

ActivateYYC is a new program that will provide micro-grants – averaging \$750 – to organized groups and businesses that are looking for temporary local projects and events that motivate Calgarians to walk, play and be neighbourly. There are a number of community safety groups in Ward 12 that have already expressed an interest in applying for funding. This is a great opportunity to build partnerships, engage volunteers and make a meaningful difference in your communities. Visit calgarycommunities.com/activateyyc for more details.

School's out for summer!

School being out for the summer should mean some increased traffic throughout the day at many of our community playgrounds. We have a collective responsibility to make sure that the summer is a time for fun, but also a time when everyone gets home safely. Please be sure to respect all playground zones in our communities, especially with more kids in our parks over the next few months.

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Standard & Poor's announced it is downgrading Alberta's credit rating yet again, this time by two notches, from AA to A+. While this latest downgrade comes as no surprise, considering the NDP government's complete and total mismanagement of our economy and finances, we are incredibly concerned about the consequences that higher interest rates and skyrocketing debt will have on our ability to fund vital public services in the future.

In the two short years since the NDP took office, this government has destroyed our sterling AAA credit rating, taken us from a \$1.1 billion surplus to an \$11 billion deficit, and put Alberta on track to owe an astonishing \$94 billion by 2020.

Our caucus has repeatedly called for modest spending restraint and each time has been met with fearmongering, hyperbole, and false choices from the NDP. The truth is that prioritizing frontline services, while exercising restraint in non-essential areas, will not lead to deep cuts or public sector layoffs. Nor will borrowing tens of billions on the backs of our children and grandchildren lead to economic recovery now or long-term prosperity in the future. We are disappointed to see this government continuously fail to make the tough choices Albertans sent them here to make.

Events and congratulations:

- Cranston School Arbor Day Celebration and tree planting
- Calgary Economic Development Report to the Community
- Auburn Bay House Wellness and Safety Fair
- Hike for Hospice
- Spoke at Red Deer Lake (Grade six class)
- Bow Valley College 22nd Annual Premier's Scholarship
- Find Your Stripes Panel (spoke to high school students at William Aberhart High)
- North Silverado Development Open House
- Calgary Board of Education Forum on Bell Times and Busing changes
- Mahogany Family Fun Run
- Cranston Residents Stampede Caravan Breakfast
- Kits for Kids (backpacks for school children)

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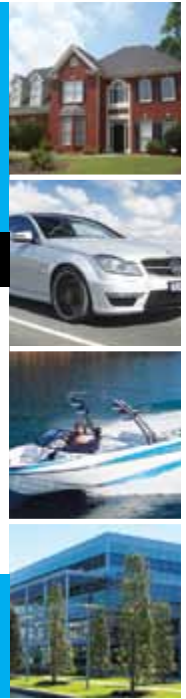
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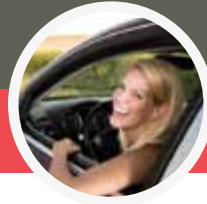
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