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October 11 & 25
November 8 & 22
While the weather is nice Storytime will take place on the lawn beside the bus from 10:00-10:30.
Hope to see you there!



KIM CLELAND
SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH!

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Kim is one of our amazing event planners. She chaired the Beach Blaster in July and is already hard at work planning another event for the winter! She is one member of an very strong planning team and would be quick to remind us of that. Thanks Kim for helping bring Mahogany together!



There's More
in Mahogany!

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

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PESKY SEAGULLS – DOG GULL-PATROL PILOT PROGRAM

Please welcome CALLIE the Shetland Collie, CHANCE the Border Collie, BOWSER the Chocolate Lab and TIMBER the Australian Cattle Dog /Collie X who are our first dogs to join our seagull dog patrol canine volunteer team. You may have seen the dogs out on our beaches. Their role is to chase the seagulls off our beaches. In the last week or so we are having fewer gulls using our beaches. Thank you to our wonderful dog owners for volunteering and helping with our collective gull

deterrent program. It takes a community to maintain our community.

Some members of our Volunteer Dog Gull Patrol Team: From Left: TIMBER, BOWSER & CALLIE

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Family of the Month

Are you interested in having your family profiled in the newsletter as "Mahogany's Family of the Month?" Contact us at info@mahoganyhoa.com to have your family's story told!

Save the Date!

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

• Halloween Howl (Family Event)

October 28 – 12:00pm to 3:00pm

• Zombie Run (Teen Event)

October 28 – 7:00pm to 9:00pm

MAHOGANY HOLIDAY MARKET

November 18, 2017

Back by popular demand! The Mahogany Holiday Market will take place Saturday, November 18 from 10am to 4pm. Over 60 vendors will be onsite for all your holiday shopping needs!

Interested in being a vendor? Email mahoganychristmasmarket@gmail.com for more details

MAHOGANY PARADE OF LIGHTS

December 9, 2017

Always a great event! Look for details in the coming weeks. Hope to see you there!

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers!

Did you know that all Mahogany events are planned and run by volunteers from the community? If you are interested in getting involved contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@mahoganyhoa.com.

Hills, Hills, Hills!

In Alberta, there are several towns that include the word "hill" in their name, including Two Hills, Three Hills, Round Hill, Rolling Hill, and Hairy Hill. That's a lot of hills for the prairie!

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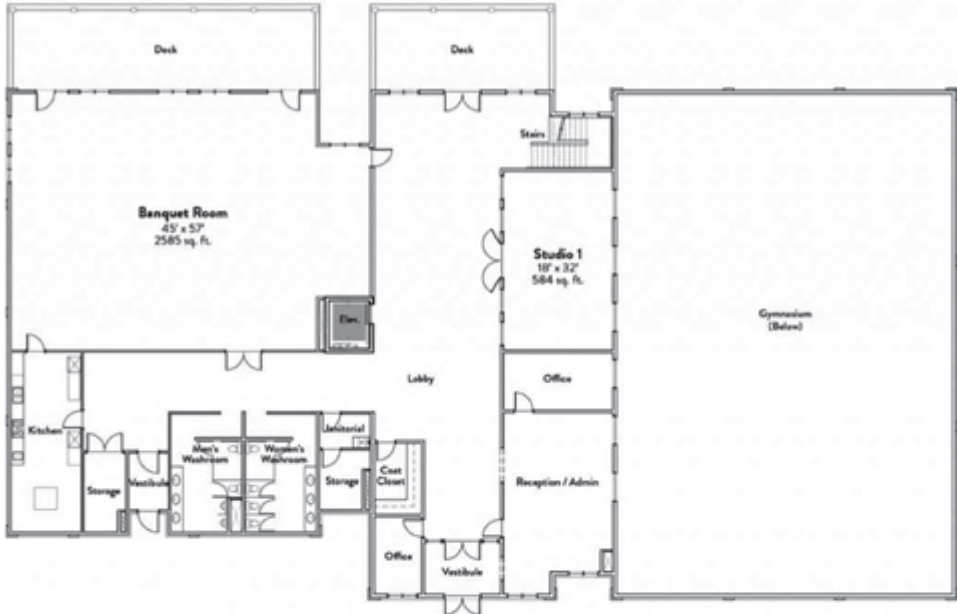
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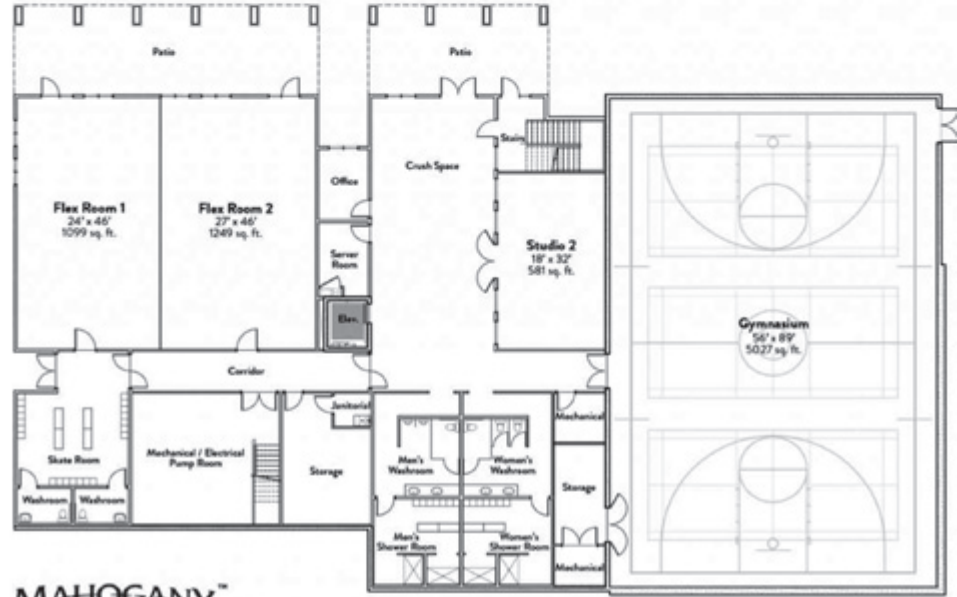
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LOWER FLOOR



From the Incoming Editors

Onyinye Chukwunyerwenwa and I are excited to take over this column. We'll be working as a team to ensure you're all as well-informed as you can be about what your Home Owner's Association is doing for you. If you have any concerns or questions feel free to contact communications@mahoganyhoa.com.

Colleen McLean

Operations and Social Committee Meetings

Our volunteer committee met September 9 to begin plans for this year's events and initiatives. We were pleased to welcome some new faces and have others take on new positions.

This year you can expect to enjoy many of your favourites such as our Beach Blaster, Movie Under the Stars, and our 3 on 3 Hockey Tournament. With new talents, come new ideas. We're excited to see where our new and most recent initiatives take us.

If you'd like to ensure that our Home Owner's Association continues to offer the many services and events we all enjoy, please join us at our monthly committee meetings. You'd be surprised at the talents you possess and how they can be used to bring people in the community together. We meet the second Monday of the month at the Beach Club, 8:00 pm.

To better understand each committee, please contact Social Committee Chairperson Evan Spencer chairpersonsocialvc@mahoganyhoa.com or Operations Committee Chairperson Chris Thurber chairmanoperationsvc@mahoganyhoa.com.

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Photo Throw-down

This month's winner is Kim Cleland.



Mahogany HOA Facebook Page

The Mahogany HOA Facebook page is a more timely approach to keeping up-to-date with community events. If you're an active Facebook user, you'll appreciate being reminded of upcoming events and meetings, and being made aware of new start dates for programs at the beach club. Notice of the city-wide fire ban at the end of August is a prime example of how social media can be useful.

Past Events

3 on 3 Street Hockey Tournament (Battle of the Ball)

Our 3 on 3 basketball and hockey tournaments have a keen fan base. If you're a past participant or if you're merely passionate about street hockey, look for upcoming pictures at <http://www.mahoganyhoa.com/hoa-gallery/>.

Mahogany Village Market Store Openings

Sonata School of Music opened Sunday, September 10, 1:00-4:30 pm. Guitar, piano, drum, and vocal lessons are offered to ages 2-15. Courses are sessional, semestered, and full year. Check out their group lesson schedule at <http://sonatayamaha.com/lessons-table/> for specifics or call (403) 453-1333 for availability of private lessons.

Upcoming Events

Halloween events are the highlight this month with the Halloween Howl and the Ma-Zombie Run. Younger kids will enjoy the typical aspects of this holiday such as dressing up and collecting candy, while also partaking in some scary fun. Older children — ages 12-17 — will love working as a team to find keys to escape the zombie break-out.

Halloween Howl, October 28, 12:00 - 3:00 pm
Mahogany Beach Club

Ma-Zombie Run, October 28, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Mahogany Beach Club

Save the Dates

Christmas is such a beloved family holiday that we begin to prepare for and celebrate it early. Get in some early Christmas shopping and enjoy some pre-Christmas celebration.

Mahogany Holiday Market, November 18, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm — Mahogany Beach Club

Holiday Celebration, December 9 — TBD

To volunteer for any of these events, please contact volunteers@mahoganyhoa.com.

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VOLUNTEER VOICE CONT'D

Fall and Winter Programs

With Fall now underway, be sure to check out the creative and sports classes at the Beach Club for ages 0-55+. Visit <https://central.ivrnet.com/mahogany/searches?utf8=%E2%9C%93&q=fall+2017> for a listing of fall programs. To register yourself and/or your children, be sure to take advantage of the IVRNET that's been live since July 24. If this system is new to you, visit our website at <http://www.mahoganyhoa.com/> for login instructions.

Aside from allowing you to view, enroll, and pay for programs and workshops, the IVRNET also allows on-line:

- payment of membership dues
- updates to residential household member details
- booking venues
- many other convenient features to become available with progression of the system

Don't forget that your membership fees cover many free activities such as:

- Drop-In Storytime
- Book Truck
- Discussion Group
- Drop-In Basketball Club
- Drop-In Volleyball Club
- Drop in Futsal
- Fifty Plus / Minus Club
- Dinner Club
- Board Games Night

Important Reminders

Be sure to carry your membership card to scan the entry gates for easy access. Without your card, you'll need to enter through the main doors of the Beach Club and talk to a customer service team member.

Sponsor Thanks

Sponsor contributions make our events that much more enjoyable. If you're in a position to act as a sponsor for any of our events, please visit <http://www.mahoganyhoa.com/volunteer-opportunities/volunteers-sponsors/> or e-mail sponsors@mahoganyhoa.com.

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Here is the link to your new IVRNET, your member information system.

<https://central.ivrnet.com/mahogany>

For instructions on how to log on the first time, visit <http://www.mahoganyhoa.com/ivrnet-is-here/>.

Please let us know your thoughts. Is it working for you? What else you would like to see? Send us an email at info@mahoganyhoa.com

One element that did not transfer across from the old system to the new IVRNET system was your member photo ID. Next time you are at the Beach Club please drop by and the front office and say "hi" and we will gladly take your photo and upload it to your residential membership base.

What new options does this system have to offer you?

- You will be able to view, enroll, and pay for programs and workshops online.
- You will be able to make membership dues online.
- You can update your residential household member details online.
- You can look up booking availability for venues and,

As we move forward with IVRNET there will be many other great features to come online to make life at Mahogany seamless.



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	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
August 2017	\$485,000	\$475,000
July 2017	\$532,900	\$529,000
June 2017	\$594,950	\$588,885
May 2017	\$538,000	\$502,000
April 2017	\$554,200	\$555,625
March 2017	\$524,900	\$524,900
February 2017	\$554,900	\$534,950
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

Last 12 Months Mahogany MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
August 2017	19	15
July 2017	22	17
June 2017	28	18
May 2017	16	17
April 2017	19	24
March 2017	27	27
February 2017	19	16
January 2017	21	12
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November 2016	17	10
October 2016	17	14
September 2016	18	19

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American Kestrel: Small Acrobatic Gliders

Article by Katie Fisher

Photo by Andrea Hunt

Gliding to the left and right, the American Kestrel keeps a sharp eye on the earth below for flickering blades of grass or the rustling of bushes. A member of the raptor family, the American Kestrel is easy to identify because it is the smallest of the North American falcons and the most colourful. Male and female Kestrels are dressed in a rusty red but only the males are garnished with a brilliant slate blue on their head and wings. They are easily spotted in open grassland areas, such as meadows and farmer's fields. They also can be seen in city areas and suburbs.

Fun Facts:

- These raptors rely on abandoned Woodpecker holes, tree hollows and other empty cavities that are found in the environment to make their home.
- Your backyard could become a suitable home for the Kestrel but it won't be in a regular birdhouse. A nesting box, nailed to a tree, high above the yard and away from sources of noise could provide a suitable home for a feathered family.
- They may repay you by keeping pesky rodents out of your yard!
- Like many raptors, the American Kestrel hunts for insects such as grasshoppers, beetles and spiders as well as small vertebrate prey such as mice, voles,

shrews, songbirds and occasionally, frogs, snakes and small lizards.

- Some brave Kestrels have been spotted preying on larger creatures, such as red squirrels.
- One characteristic that gives the American Kestrel the upper hand on small prey is their ability to see ultraviolet light. This feature gives them the power to see urine trails created by small rodents and other creatures, leading them to their next meal.
- This raptor can also be the hunted: as the smallest falcon, they become easy prey to other raptors, such as Barn Owls, Goshawks and Red-tailed Hawks. Large reptiles such as rat snakes and corn snakes will also take Kestrels as prey.

When you are out on your next walk, keep an eye to the sky, you may just see the Kestrel gliding through the air or perched on a light post or telephone post. If you come across an injured American Kestrel, or any other wildlife in distress, please contact Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society wildlife hotline at 403-239-2488.

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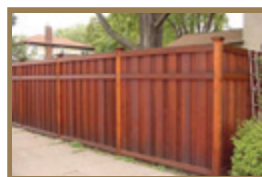
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Halloween Safety

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and trick-or-treaters of some Halloween safety tips as October 31st approaches. Take some time to review these simple tips and reminders to help ensure your Halloween is a fun and safe night for everyone.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Remember: all regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked crosswalks, or well-lit corners only. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street, and then cross once to the other side.
- Stay away from houses that are not well lit. Do not accept rides from strangers, or enter any home you feel is unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going to be at all times (route) and advise them if you will be late returning.

Parents

- Be certain that young trick-or-treaters are accompanied by an adult. Older children should stay in groups.
- Pre-determine boundaries to trick-or-treat within, and establish a firm time to return home.
- Advise children not to eat anything until they return home. Dispose of any items that appear to have been tampered with, or that are not properly wrapped.

Costumes

- Choose bright colored costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes further increases visibility.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and increased visibility.
- When purchasing, or making costumes, look for materials and accessories that are labeled flame-resistant.
- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods, or wands, should be soft and flexible, with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic make-up kits instead of masks that may impair breathing, or vision.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing, but not so long that they become a tripping hazard. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankles.
- Ensure your child is wearing adequate foot wear that takes into consideration weather conditions and walking.



FISH CREEK PARK EVENT

If You Walk It, Then You Better Put a Leash On It

by Shalane Friesen, Environmental Educator for Alberta Parks and proud puppy owner

Walking your dog in Fish Creek Provincial Park has physical and psychological health benefits for you and your canine companion. In fact, recent studies show that families that own dogs are more likely to be engaged in physical activity together, increasing youth fitness and maintaining mobility for later in life. To ensure a pleasant park experience for all visitors, please keep your pet on-leash and under control at all times.

By keeping your dog under control, you can avoid costly visits to the vet. Off-leash dogs are more likely to encounter and harass wildlife in the park, and wild animals will defend themselves. When threatened, porcupine will shed barbed quills on contact and these are painful and expensive to remove. Coyotes may stalk small dogs or attack large breeds if they perceive your dog as a threat. Finally, skunks will try to deter your dog from attacking, and it is a smell your dog (and you!) will never forget. Wildlife generally keep their distance from humans, and by keeping your dog under control and on-leash, you can protect your pet from wildlife interactions.

By law, you must have your pet on-leash and all waste must be disposed of in the garbage bins. Always remember your doggy bags and deposit them in the garbage, not on the trails. Fines for violating these regulations range from \$115 to \$2,000. Off-leash pets may annoy or disturb other park users in their activities; if you wish to lose the leash, there are over 150 off-leash dog parks in Calgary. But, for a relaxing and peaceful walk with your dog, nothing beats a stroll through Fish Creek Provincial Park.

STAR NIGHT

A FREE Family event – No registration necessary

Date: **Saturday, October 14, 2017**

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Location: Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre, 13931 Woodpath Road SW (Access from 37 St SW and 130 Ave SW, west end of Fish Creek Provincial Park)

Come and enjoy:

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For more information contact **Shalane Friesen** at 403-297-7926 or fishcreek.education@gov.ab.ca.

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Forest Lawn Library Nature Playground

Calgary Public Library's first outdoor Early Learning Centre is now open at Forest Lawn Library! The nature playground is designed to help Calgary's kids learn and develop foundational skills through play. It's a fully accessible space with special features and movable elements to encourage creative play and exploration.

Early Learning Centres at Calgary Public Library are vibrant and interactive spaces for children ages zero to five to engage in play-based learning. Check out the new Early Learning Centre inside Saddle Towne Library, and visit Early Learning Centres at Central, Fish Creek, Shawnessy, Quarry Park, and Village Square Libraries.

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Ask Charles

My townhouse is listed for sale. There was a showing earlier today, and I found out those "buyers" just viewed my home to see it as a comparable for their own listing. Is that allowed?

The short answer is, no, it shouldn't be.

When you list your property for sale, you expect that showings of your property are to potential buyers. Unless a buyer or the buyer's representative discloses it to you beforehand, any other reason for a showing is dishonest through omission.

Real estate professionals have a requirement to be honest with their clients and with third-parties. That means that a buyer's real estate professional has to be honest with you and your real estate professional.

It is reasonable for you to expect that buyers booking a viewing of your property are doing so with the potential for purchasing the property. If their reason is different, then it is reasonable for you to expect them, and their agent, to be up front about it.

No one wants to have to keep their house in show-home-ready condition, and vacate the premises for a showing unless there is real potential the buyers are interested in buying. This may be particularly true if you have a young family and leaving at the spur of the moment for last-minute showings or showings at bedtime are particularly inconvenient.

There are also things you can do – and discuss with your agent – to lower the likelihood of showings for ulterior purposes. You can ask your agent to not allow viewings from people who don't appear to be serious buyers. For example, this may mean your agent asks buyer's agents to only bring buyers who are pre-approved for a mortgage.

As the seller, you control the process buyers must go through to view your property. If you want to set specific times during which viewings are allowed, you can. If you want to only admit buyers who are pre-approved, you can. Ensure your agent writes those instructions in the listing.

Remember, though, sometimes buyers come when you're least expecting it – and any attempt to reduce showings or limit availability for showings may be detrimental to your listing.

"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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In August, I organized a meeting with concerned Copperfield residents regarding a wetland that seemed to have dried up. Vesta Properties, Councillor Keating's office, and Alberta Environment were also in attendance. Notes from that meeting can be found on my Facebook page: RickFraserYYCSE. You can also request a copy of the notes by emailing Calgary.southeast@assembly.ab.ca

I had a concerned constituent visit my office about the Alberta Animal Protection Act. I put a call out to constituents for feedback and the message is clear, you'd like me to look at pursuing changes to the act. I have created a group attached to my Facebook page where I will be posting frequent updates: Alberta Animal Protection Act. I welcome constituents to join and follow my progress.

I empathize with parents upset about the Calgary Board of Education's new bus routes and scheduling. I ask that concerned constituents contact their school Trustee with feedback. You can also contact my office, so I can provide comments to the Government's Minister of Education.

Events and congratulations

- Silverado Block Party Fundraiser sponsored by Multiply Church to raise funds for the outdoor skating rink (<http://silveradoca.ca/>)
- Toured Wellspring Calgary's temporary south location. (<http://wellspringcalgary.ca/>)
- Toured Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society's facility. (<http://calgarywildlife.org/>)
- Burgers to Beat MS at Glenmore and 130th Avenue locations (<https://burgerstobeatms.ca/>)

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- Our office presents congratulatory scrolls for anniversaries and birthdays. Birthday scrolls are available to constituents celebrating their 65+ birthday, in five-year intervals. Anniversary scrolls are available to constituents celebrating their 25+ anniversary, in five-year intervals.
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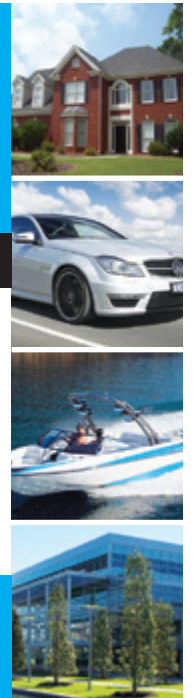
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