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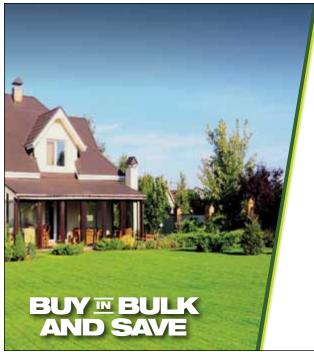
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And here's our commitment to you:

- A clean, efficient facility where you feel comfortable taking your family.
- Saving you money city council saw a public solution as the most cost effective; there will be no more spectator fees.
- A community asset open and welcoming to clubs, players and families from across the city.

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We think this is a pretty good game plan moving forward: Let's keep city recreation facilities public and working for all Calgary families.



McKenzie Lake **Residents Association**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The McKenzie Lake Residents Association is a non-profit organization g eared towards providing a wide array of recreational services, programs and facilities for our members and their guests. We serve 3,200 residents and over 11,000 members and their families. In addition to the lake, members have access to tennis courts, basketball courts, a beach volleyball area, a toboggan hill and other recreational activities.

McKenzie Lake is a 43 acre lake combined with an 18 acre park for a total of 61 acres. The Association provides its members with access to equipment such as rowboats, canoes, kayaks, and pedal boats. to ensure a safe and fun environment, we provide life jackets for boating purposes, The lake is stocked with rainbow trout in May, June and September of each year. In the winter time the Association provides a variety of skating surfaces including illuminated hockey rinks, an ice skating pad with a fire pit, and a 2.5 kilometre skating path around the lake. Skating areas are machine groomed with our own zamboni.

The Beach Club facility also has a function hall available to rent exclusively for the members.

The activities of the Association are determined and governed by an elected board of Directors comprising at least three (3) and no more than fifteen (15) members, that is, residents of the McKenzie Lake Residents Association. the Board of Directors have hired a General Manager who has been assigned responsibility for managing the day-to-day operations of the Association including the operations at the lake complex.

Board of Directors McKenzie Lake Residents Association

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Park Conditions and Hours

Park hours in May will be 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, seven days a week. Fishing is open and boats are in the water.

To gain access to the park please have your membership card available to scan at the guard house (small building South West of main building). During nonpeak times of the year, access to the park may be through the main office rather than the guard house. If the guard house gate is closed please go to the office.

Annual Membership Fees

Invoices for your Annual Membership Fees were mailed out in early March. Payments were due April 1st and your payment will ensure access to the park and lake from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

Payments by cash, cheque, or Debit. If you can't make it to the Office during business hours you can mail your payment, leave a cheque with Security (no cash or debit), or drop it in the secured mail box at the Beach Club front door. We understand that some of our members do not use personal cheques. For those who cannot make it to the office during business hours and do not use personal cheques, we also accept money orders or certified cheques which are easy to obtain by your bank. Sorry, we do not accept credit cards. If you have not received an invoice please call Donna at 403-257-1657, or email at office@mlra.ca.

IMPORTANT: Membership fees are mandatory, not optional. Membership fee charges are secured by an encumbrance which is registered on the title to your property. If you are not sure whether you must pay the fee, please review the most updated version of your certificate of title and determine if there is an encumbrance registered by McKenzie Lake Residents Association. If there is an encumbrance then it is mandatory for you to pay the fee.

We understand there are homes in McKenzie Lake that receive this news publication but are not entitled to MLRA membership. These areas include - Mt Allan, Mt Douglas, Mt Apex, Mt Aberdeen, and some homes on Mt McKenzie Drive. We do apologize but these areas are not entitled to MLRA membership. The Association boundary lines are determined by the registered Articles of Association, which is a document that specifies the regulations for a company's operation. The MLRA Board cannot arbitrarily alter the boundary line.

Annual Membership Fees payments were due April 1st and are now overdue. If you haven't done so already, please pay you annual fees as soon as possible. We accept cash, cheque and interac. If fees are not paid in full by May 30, access to the park will be denied.

Membership Cards

You are required to bring your own membership card every time you visit the park. If you are new property owners and require membership cards or, if you are over 12 years of age and do not have a current membership card, please contact Donna at 403-257-1657; or email office@mlra.ca. Remember, a member cannot sign in another member.

Rent the Beach Club or a Shelter

The Beach Club is an ideal location for a family birthday party, wedding receptions, anniversaries, family functions, and more. Summer dates fill up fast so make vour booking ASAP.

We also have three shelters in the park that are available to rent and very popular in the summer. Shelters are great for birthday parties and family functions.

Find out more information on all rentals available on our website www.mlra.ca, or call the main office - 403-257-1657. Bookings must be made at the main

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Guests of Members

If you are planning a gathering at McKenzie Lake and expect to have 10 or more quests, please notify the office in advance. We require the member to fill out an official guest list form and submit to the office days in advance of the function date. The official quest list form can be found on our website (www. mlra.ca) and at the main office.

Summer Programs

Planning of the annual seasonal programs is underway. Please visit our website - www.mlra.ca, or contact the main office for details on programs available and how to register. Programs start in the first week of July and continue through mid-August.

Rules

Please familiarize yourself with all rules before visiting the park. Copies are available in the main Office and the guard house. You can also find the rules online on our website - www.mlra.ca.

Employment Opportunities

We continue our search for qualified individuals to fill various positions at the lake. If you are interested in employment please visit our website www.mlra.ca for information on jobs available.





THE BEACH CLUB AT MCKENZIE LAKE

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The Beach Club Hall is located on the upper level of the main building and is available exclusively for members to rent. The hall is suitable for many different occasions, Weddings, anniversaries, birthday parties, and Christmas functions to name a few.

FEATURES

- 80 person capacity
- 85 chairs with 17 tables (7 rectangle and 10 round)
- Hard wood flooring
- Kitchen with granite counter tops, two tier bar, ice machine, warming ovens and tile floor
- New and expanded windows creating exceptional views of the lake and mountains
- · Bathrooms are complete with granite counter tops, hands free faucets, and tile floors
- Audio system with in ceiling speakers, blue ray player, cd player, MP3 auxiliary hook up and a 47" TV above fireplace
- Beautiful Gas fireplace
- Deck with composite wood flooring and glass railing
- Built in Gas BBO on the deck available for rent

RENTAL CHARGES AND DEPOSITS

- \$50.00 (non-refundable) Deposit required to secure bookings 90 days or more in advance
- \$40.00/hour to be paid AT LEAST 90 days prior to the function date

- \$30.00/hour extra for the security guard after the
- \$30.00/rental for the unlimited use of the 36" BBO on the deck.
- \$500.00 Daily Rate 9:00am to 1:00am (additional \$30.00/hr. after park hours will apply).
- \$500.00 Damage Deposit refundable if no damage caused.
- Minimum Rentals: (Sun. Thurs.) 2 hours, (Fri./ Sat.) - 4 hours
- *Only MLRA members can book the Beach Club

SHELTERS IN THE PARK

McKenzie Lake has three shelters in the park available exclusively for members to rent. These shelters are ideal for celebrations of larger groups needing a common area for everyone to mingle. Each shelter is 314 square feet and has picnic tables and barbeque pits (charcoal briguettes only). One of the shelters is located West of the main building beside the skating/basketball pad. The other two shelters are side by side and are located on the East side of the park near the beach and boat house.

- \$10/hour
- Minimum of 2 hours

Forms for bookings can be found online on our website www.mlra.ca and in the office.



Residents of partnered communities' pay 20% less for memberships than those who reside outside partnered communities. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see www.tricocentre.ca to find out more.

May at Trico Centre

Trico Centre for Family Wellness is a non-profit, community-owned and operated recreation facility. Our memberships are affordable and our programs are family-friendly. With a membership, you can work out in the fitness centre, take more than 70-drop-in fitness classes a week, use the gymnasium, skate, or play shinny, plus with a membership you get 20% off our fun, active registered programs.

Residents of communities partnered with Trico Centre (yours!) pay 20% less for a Trico Centre membership with presentation of a community association membership or payment of the Community Support Fee (which is sent to your community association.)

Pool Refurbishment

After 33 years in operation, Trico Centre's Aquatics Centre is undergoing a major refurbishment. This project will address lifecycle issues, improve health and safety components. The target reopen date is August 15, 2016. Check our Spring Summer Program Guide for membership specials and what to do at Trico while the pool is closed. We will be hosting a pool grand opening, so watch for details.

Registered Program for All Ages this Summer!

It might seem a bit early to think about summer, but we want you to know that we have more registered summer programs than we have ever had before. Adult fitness, adult small group training, older adult programs, parent & tot, preschool, children and youth. Register now for these new-to-summer programs plus check out summer day camps, 3-14 yrs, weekly or daily, full day, half, day, pre and post care.

Spring Programs for Adults

- May start adult fitness: Fit 101 and Strong is the New Skinny: Part 2
- More than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week. Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members. Many new landbased classes added during pool closure. See the Drop-In Fitness schedule at www.tricocentre.ca under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.
- Adult Wellness Workshops in April: Walking Pol Clinic (April 12, 1:30-3:30pm) and Yoga for Scoliosis (April 17, 1-3pm.)

Spring Health for Older Adults

• Bone Builders: Weight Training for Older Adults. Six-week class starts Tuesday, May 17 or Wednesday, May 18.

- Many of the more than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week are specifically designed for older adults: Check out Be Fit Age Well, Fit 'n Fab., and our numerous yoga options. Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members. See the Drop-In Fitness schedule at www.tricocentre. ca under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.
- Drop-in Pickleball is offered several times a week. Check out the Drop-In Gym schedule (available on the website or at Guest Services.) Free for members or drop-in fee for non-members.

Spring Activities for Families, Children, Youth

- Check out our Summer Day Camps for ages 3 to 14 years - registration now on.
- · Lots of Drop-Ins: See the Drop-In Gym schedule for dropin gym, Drop-In Playtime, Drop-In Gymnastics, youth drop-in gym, and more. See the Drop-In Arena schedule for leisure skate, adult shinny, youth shinny, women's shinny, and stick & puck. Free for members. Fee for nonmembers.

Trico Centre is located at 11150 Bonaventure Drive SE. Residents of partnered communities' pay 20% less for memberships than those who reside outside partnered communities. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see www.tricocentre.ca to find out more.

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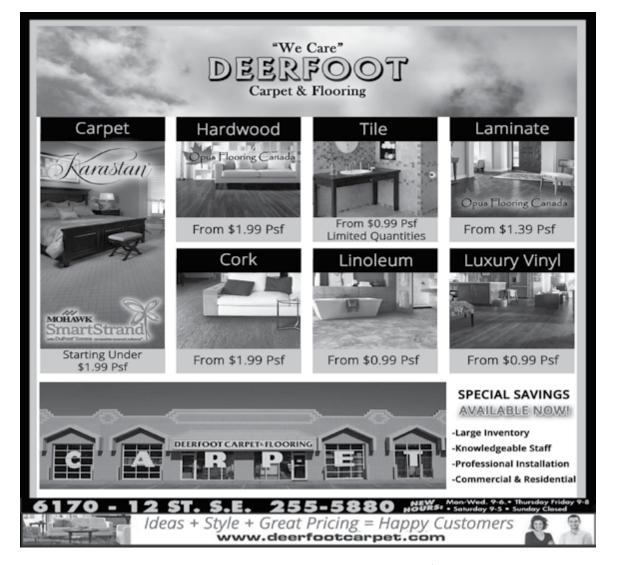
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Run for Fish Creek in the Scotiabank Charity Challenge! **Sunday May 29**

If you share our vision of a sustainable Fish Creek Provincial Park, we invite you to take steps towards preserving this amazing natural resource. Help the Friends raise \$10,000 to support conservation and community outreach activities in Fish Creek Provincial Park! Whether you live near Fish Creek, enjoy running, walking, or cycling here, or are simply interested in the long term sustainability of this park, you can run or walk for Fish Creek as part of the Scotiabank Charity Challenge on Sunday, May 29. You don't have to be an athlete to join. All you need is a passion for Fish Creek Provincial Park because that's what unites us as a team and carries us all over the finish line!

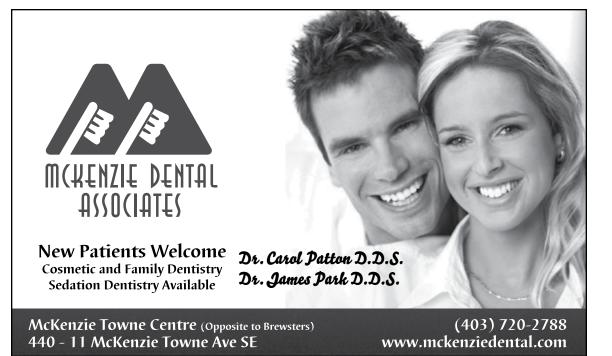
A Journey through the Mountains and Meadows of Kananaskis

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 — 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre, Shannon Terrace, Fish Creek Provincial Park

Presented by John McFaul, Professional Hiking Guide and Owner of Alpenglow Nature Hikes

Kananaskis Country has an abundance of breathtaking hiking trails that offer a truly unique way to explore the natural wonders of this region. Discover, or revisit, the high alpine meadows of Plateau Mountain, swathed in beautiful highland flowers like moss campion. Explore the fragrant pine/aspen woods of Jumping Pound Creek that seem to reverberate with the drumming of the rough grouse. Gaze upon sparkling mountain tarns ringed with golden larch like Chester Lake, and be dazzled by the sunny meadows of glacier lilies treaded by grizzly bears. Join John McFaul of Alpenglow Nature Hikes for a virtual hike through the majestic mountains and meadows of Kananaskis Country.



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SHC Wellness Centre

Healthy Albertans Healthy Communities Together

Find out how we can help at www.ahs.ca/shcwellness

A few of our FREE programs are highlighted below

Chronic Pain Management Workshop May 10 6:30-8:30pm

This single, two-hour program focuses specifically on pain management. Participants have the chance to learn new information and skills, discuss ideas and share experiences with others that have chronic pain or care about people who live with chronic pain.

Managing Your Emotional Eating Begins May 12 (3 sessions)

Would you like to know more about emotional eating and managing it? You will learn what influences your food choices, how to build awareness of your own emotional eating, & to build skills and tools to help with your emotional eating.

Compounded or Confused? Bioidentical Hormones for Menopausal Health

May 13 1:00-2:00pm

Hot flashes are real. Today, more women are experiencing symptoms which may be adversely affecting their lives. Mistrust of prescription drugs has led many to search for that perfect product to improve symptoms. SHC Academic Family Medicine Clinical Pharmacist Joe Tabler will explain bioidentical hormone therapy and evidence regarding efficacy and safety.

Parenting Anxious Children & Teens May 16 6:30-8:00pm

Come learn more about anxiety and children. Participants will learn to recognize anxiety in children and adolescents, gain an understanding of different anxiety disorders, and acquire knowledge of parenting strategies to help reduce the effects of anxiety.

Fermented Foods: Sauerkraut May 19 6:30-7:30pm

Join SPUD for a hands-on session in the Wellness Kitchen on fermented foods. We will be talking about why they are good for you and your gut! You will learn how to make tasty, nutritious sauerkraut from scratch. Please bring a large mason jar with lid so you can take your delicious creation home.

Supporting Healthy Relationships with your Kids May 26 5:30-7:30pm

Want to know how you can support your children in healthy relationships? We will review healthy and unhealthy relationships, social pressures on children and strategies in coping with these pressures. It will also give you useful tools and conversation starters to have meaningful discussions with your kids.

Most programs require registration. See our program guide and learn how to register at www.ahs.ca/ shcwellness or 403-956-3939.

Citizens' View

Calgary's online panel – 2,000 members and growing

The City is looking for more Calgarians to join citizens view.ca.

You're invited to join more than 2,000 people that have already signed up for Citizens' View, Calgary's online panel. Citizensview.ca makes it easier for Calgarians to share their input anytime, anywhere through online surveys and discussions.

As Citizens' View continues to grow, The City is working to make sure that they hear from people of all ages and areas of Calgary. Right now, The City needs more people of all demographics and communities. Can you help?

"Creating an even better Calgary takes all of us—not just government," said Mayor Nenshi. "Citizens are the key to improving our communities and creating the best programs and services for our city. Calgarians are the experts in their lives and I encourage them to share their thoughts about life in Calgary by signing-up at citizensview.ca."

The City hopes to attract more than 4,000 people that reflect Calgary's diverse population. Members can expect to receive surveys once or twice a month, join online discussions, and receive information on City events and service improvements.

Calgarians 18 years and older can sign-up for the Citizens' View at www.citizensview.ca.



What to **Look For from a Financial Advisor**

Kevin OʻHagan, PFP, FMA, CIWM

There's a lot to know about investing, so it's a good idea to get some professional help. But with so many financial advisors out there, how can you choose one that's right for you?

You may have to interview several prospective financial advisors before deciding on one. When you talk to them, see if you can get a sense of how they might work with you. Specifically, try to answer the following questions:

Does this financial advisor ...

- ... Understand you? Perhaps above all else, you want a financial advisor who will take the time to get to know you and your family, your goals and what's important to you.
- ... Clearly explain investing? Once you enter the investment world, you will likely be curious about it. Why is diversification important? What's a market correction? How do interest rate movements affect different investments? You will want to work with someone who will make the effort to educate you on investment topics and answer all your questions.
- ... Know your investment style? Obviously, you'll want someone who will recommend only those investments that are in your best interest and that can help you make progress toward your goals. Therefore, the person you choose needs to understand your investment personality – that is, whether you are an aggressive, moderate or conservative investor.
- ... Have a certain investment philosophy? You may have your own investment style and preferences - and so do many financial advisors. In fact, some financial advisors have an overriding investment philosophy that governs many of their recommendations. You need to find this out before you start working with someone.
- ... Communicate frequently? The most knowledgeable financial advisor in the world won't be of much help to you if he or she is not a good communicator. You need someone who will regularly let you know if you're on

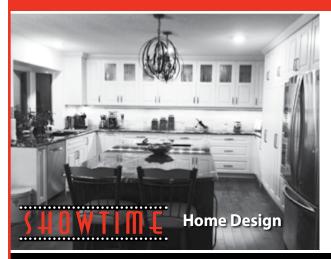
track or make suggestions if you're not - even if you aren't scheduled to meet for a while. And, speaking of conferring with your financial advisor, you'll want someone who will meet with you when it's convenient for you, whether it's in person or over the phone.

- ... Avoid making big promises? You want a financial advisor with the expertise and experience necessary to help you decide what is right for you. And you'll want someone committed to your success. But there's a big difference between someone who promises to do the best possible job for you and someone who promises big results. Be wary of financial advisors who claim they can consistently achieve high returns for you - there are very few guarantees in the investment world.
- ... Explain how he or she will be compensated? Financial advisors get paid in various ways, often in some combination of fees and commissions. Ask all potential financial advisors how they get compensated; any reputable professional will be upfront about his or her charges.

By finding the answers to these key questions, you should be able to find a financial advisor who is well-suited to work with you. So take the time you need to gather enough information to feel confident in your choice. After all, you're enlisting the help of someone who can have a big impact on your financial future.



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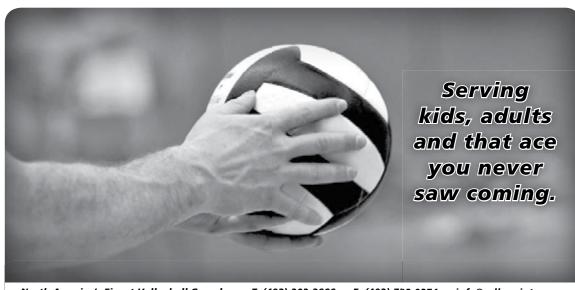
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Routine and structure (with a dabble of spontaneity!) is important in our lives. But did you know that having a strong routine is also important in the game of golf? For the best players in the world and for the rest of us, having strong routines are important when you are practicing as well as when you are playing and is necessary to perform at your best, regardless of your ability. Having a strong "pre-shot routine" and doing it all the time, the same way all the time develops consistency ... through repetition. It also benefits you by mentally placing no more importance on any 1 shot, whether it be a practice shot or a shot during a game. By making all golf shots equal mentally, you tend not to succumb to pressure situations like hitting it over the lake, etc. You should perform your pre-shot routine always, whether you are hitting your driver, 7 iron, chipping or putting. It is ok if your putting routine isn't exactly the same as your full swing routine. In fact, I suggest you have a full swing routine, a chipping/pitching routine and a putting routine. These three different areas of the game should have specific routines but are still similar in nature. It is also ok if your routine is not exactly the same as someone else's as you will notice the next time you watch some professional golf on TV. Your game will improve because developing and performing your personal preshot routines will ensure that you are always:

1. Assessing your lie, assessing the wind conditions and direction, assessing the risk (bunkers, water, trees, etc.), assessing the yardage, etc.

- 2. Choosing the best club selection based upon these assessments.
- 3. Taking one or two practice swings with the target in mind and having positive imagery.
- 4. Starting from behind the ball prior to setting up.
- 5. Aiming the clubface first, then positioning your feet and the rest of your body.
- 6. Staring at the target and only "glancing" at the ball so your mind is always focused more on the target.
- 7. Having no more than one or two swing thoughts just prior to initiating the swing such as "full turn back and finish in balance"
- 8. Perform the shot, assess both the swing/stroke (in particular your balance and finish position) and your result.
- 9. Finally, and most importantly, having a good routine will ensure you are focused on your routine, your target and only one (two at most) swing thoughts. You want no mechanics in your mind when attempting to hit a shot. Mechanics are developed during specific and focused practice sessions and through drills. You want to play the game more with your instincts and by feel while keeping your mechanics on "auto pilot".

Check out these two links to reinforce these ideas and you will soon see better results out there on the links! www.youtube.com/watch?v=pY3S4aMzgxY&feature=fvw www.youtube.com/watch?v=VF-LITV1iRA&feature=related

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March 2016	\$467,400.00	\$455,500.00		
February 2016	\$420,000.00	\$413,000.00		
January 2016	\$469,900.00	\$455,000.00		
December 2015	\$389,900.00	\$374,500.00		
November 2015	\$439,900.00	\$425,000.00		
October 2015	\$417,350.00	\$410,750.00		
September 2015	\$479,949.50	\$471,000.00		
August 2015	\$534,900.00	\$516,500.00		
July 2015	\$529,450.00	\$517,250.00		
June 2015	\$568,400.00	\$559,500.00		
May 2015	\$465,000.00	\$440,000.00		
April 2015	\$569,900.00	\$555,000.00		

Last 12 Months McKenzie Lake MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold			
March 2016	20	16			
February 2016	27	11			
January 2016	16	15			
December 2015	12	10			
November 2015	12	17			
October 2015	29	18			
September 2015	28	14			
August 2015	24	17			
July 2015	21	12			
June 2015	23	20			
May 2015	19	21			
April 2015	29	23			

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Muskrats **Hardy Little Creatures**

The muskrat (Ondatra zibehticus) is a fairly large rodent which has adapted to life in and around water. Their name comes from their two musk (anal) scent glands, the odour used in communication, especially during breeding season. Muskrats are found in North American wetlands and waterways and are considered to be an important creature in their freshwater environments.

These animals have a round, portly body covered with rich waterproof fur made up of a short dense silky under coat and a longer, coarse glossy guard coat. Their fur covers small ears and provides buoyancy in the water. Fur colour ranges from a dark brown head to a light grey belly. Their feet are mostly hairless; the hind feet acting like paddles during swimming and described as semiwebbed, with the four longest toes of each foot having a fringe of specialized hairs along each side, giving the foot a paddle like effect in use. The front feet are used like hands to build lodges, hold food and dig burrows and channels. There are five toes on all feet but the inner toes of front feet are small so rarely show in tracks. Full grown large adults can weigh from 1 – 2 kgs (2 – 5 lbs) and are up to 60 cm (24 in) long (including the tail). Their tail is slender, flattened vertically (to act as a rudder when swimming) and covered with scaly skin to protect it from damaging easily. The muskrat has special teeth that protrude ahead of the cheeks and lips, which can close behind them, permitting the animal to chew on stems and roots under water "with its mouth closed." Its four front teeth are chisel like (two upper, two lower incisors), each up to 2 cm long, used for cutting stems and roots of plants.

Muskrats typically live in freshwater marshes, marshy areas of lakes, slow-moving streams, dugouts, ponds, and watery areas controlled by beaver dams. The water must be deep enough to not freeze to the bottom during winter, but shallow enough to allow for the growth of aquatic vegetation. Areas with good food sources such as bulrushes, cattails, pondweeds, or sedges are

Muskrat homes are compact mounds of partially dried and decayed plant material scattered among cattails, reeds or bulrushes, looking much like dead heaps of plants. If these materials are not available, muskrats dig burrows in firm banks of mossy soil or clay. They still need guick access to deep water for escape from predators and food access in the winter. Their construction of open-water canals through reeds, and floating houses of aquatic vegetation, creates habitats for many species of waterfowl and aquatic plants which could not survive among dense areas of cattail and sedges.

After freeze up muskrats chew through the ice, and push up plant matter to cover the hole with a dome to make a miniature lodge, which is used as a feeding station and resting place when searching for food underwater. They can remain underwater up to 15 minutes by reducing their heart rate and relaxing their muscles when submerged, thus reducing oxygen use by their body.

What's unusual about the muskrat?

- They are more widely dispersed across North American (north to south, east to west) than any other mammal.
- They were introduced to Europe in 1905 and are now common there too.
- If normal plant food is not available, and animal food is abundant, they are known to become carnivorous (eating fish, frogs, clams)!
- Numbers decrease dramatically every 7 to 10 years. This is believed to be the result of cyclical health declines, deaths and reproductive failure.
- Muskrats appear to thrive even when harvested heavily for fur, impacted by agricultural draining of wetlands and increases in industrial activity! They can even adapt to brackish (salty) water. Hardy little creatures aren't they?

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Calgary South Agents can be found participating in initiatives like the McKenzie Frenzie and are also involved in helping to fundraise for the McKenzie

Towne School. Our Agents also regularly contribute to the Calgary Food Bank, and have even gone as far as incorporating donations into our regular "Friday dress down" campaign. In June 2016 we'll also be a major sponsor of the Dog Jog to help raise funds for the SPCA.

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IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

Special activities in May for **École** St. Cecilia School students

In May, all École St. Cecilia School students will participate in special activities and focus on the value of "caring".

The Marian Celebration will take place early in the month. The Marian Celebration, or May Crowning, is an event that recognizes Mary the Blessed Virgin as gueen of heaven and earth and the importance of our own mothers as Mother's Day approaches. We welcome Fr. Paul for our Pentecost Celebration later in May.

Students will also participate in the NED Show that promotes a school culture of kindness, resiliency and excellence. The key takeaways from this event are for students to Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best.

On the field trip front, Kindergarten students will visit Safety City to learn about the rules of the road, especially important as bike season approaches, and our Grade 1 students are off to the Leighton Art Centre, a non-profit art gallery and museum.

École St. Cecilia School is a French Immersion Catholic Elementary School for children from Kindergarten to Grade 6. The school serves most communities south of Glenmore Trail and east of McLeod Trail.

McKenzie Lake my babysitter list

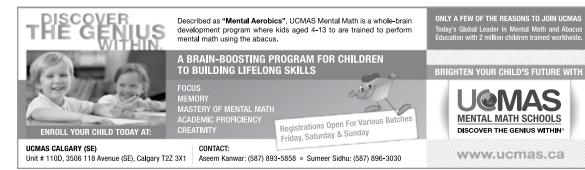
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I am a big fan of local. Eating local, shopping local, playing local.

Luckily for me, some of my favourite things are right in my neighbourhood.

So I walk. Walking is another thing I'm a big fan of.

Admittedly not an early adopter, I am also a recent convert to movement tracking technology. This means I can count the number of steps I take in a day. This is a really good indication of how much you move and once you keep track, you may be shocked at how little you walk in a day.

The usual recommendation is 10,000 steps a day which is more than most of us do. Once you take the time to count your steps, the question is; is it necessary to move that much?

Many people think so and I personally think it is a good goal, although one that you may need to work up to slowly. I don't view walking as 'exercise'. As movement specialist Katy Bowman says, "Walking is a superfood. It's the defining movement of a human." Walking has the power to soothe the mind and clear the head. Plus, as we age, mobility itself becomes more important. 10,000 steps seems like a lot, but you can be sure it will pay off in the long run.

I live in the Haysboro area I have taken to walking further and further in my daily routine. It is not inner city where everything is around the corner, but that works in favour of my step count. Where I used to drive, now I try to walk. Groceries, clothing, banking - it's all within reach. It has improved my wellbeing and it makes me so happy to support my neighbours and my local economy.

Buying Canadian makes good sense now and It might even lead to better health!

Kathy Dodd teaches yoga locally in Haysboro and leads yoga retreats in the Canadian Rockies and elsewhere.





JUNE 1 AND 2 POPS IN THE PARK

Celebrate the arrival of warmer weather and longer days with a picnic and concert in the park. This annual light-hearted, musical evening includes a western barbeque and plenty of music. www.calgaryphil.com



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AT A GLANCE

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- June 2 12th Annual Evening of Wine and Wishes: This food and fundraiser event is an entire evening of culinary festivities. Proceeds support the Rainbow Society of Alberta, a charity that helps Alberta kids with life-threatening or severe chronic medical illnesses. www.rainbowsociety.ab.ca
- June 2 to 4 Revv52: California: Calgary's own vocal energy group, Revv52, celebrates its 64th season by exploring the music of California at the River Park Auditorium, www.revv52.com
- June 3 and 4 As Heard On TV: This concert celebrates some of the most memorable music from popular TV shows of the past and the present, as performed by singer and comedian Nicole Parker and conducted by Steven Reineke, www.calgaryphil.com
- June 4 2016 Eddies Short Film Festival: The 2016 Eddies Short Film Festival this year is themed "trailblazer." Filmmakers can interpret that theme in any way they wish, and create any kind of film they like that reflects this theme. www.bigrockbeer.com
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- June 4 to August 28 Afternoon Tea on the Verandah: Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea on the verandah of Heritage Park's newest exhibit, the Famous 5 Centre of Canadian Women. www. heritagepark.ca
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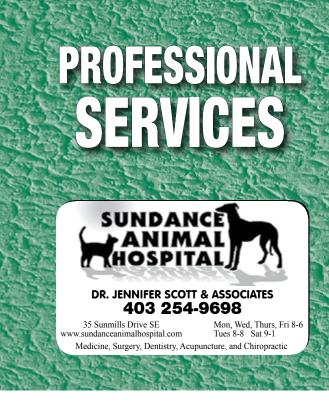
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The Starry Night is an oil on canvas by the Dutch postimpressionist painter Vincent van Gogh. Painted in June, 1889, it depicts the view from the east-facing window of his asylum room at Saint-Rémy-de-Provence, just before sunrise, with the addition of an idealized village. It has been in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City since 1941, acquired through the Lillie P. Bliss Bequest. It is regarded as among Van Gogh's finest works, and is one of the most recognized monuments in the history of Western culture.



Elisabeth Fayt

How often must something happen, before it occurs to you?

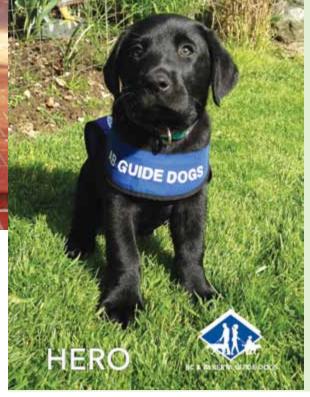
A few years ago, I was out running errands with my son who was four at the time. I realized I was running late for a meeting and there was no way I would make it at the pace we were going, so I decided to play a little game with him. I said, "Hey, let's have a race and see who can run the fastest" and we both started to run. After a few seconds, he stopped dead in his tracks and said "Mom, why are we racing?"

It was like the whole planet stopped whirling in space at that moment. I bent down to his eye level and responded "Good question, we're not going to race anymore." Without another word, we casually continued at our normal pace and arrived a half hour late for my meeting, which was irrelevant, as the other person had also been running late. She had not even arrived vet!

The experience had a profound effect on me. What came to light was that I had been sporting a pattern of rushing, of racing the clock and packing too many commitments into a small space of time. It clearly wasn't serving me well.

How often did this happen, before it occurred to me? I'd hate to count, but it definitely occurred to me that day.

As May is the month we celebrate Moms, this is a callout to all Moms living in the fast lane. Slow down and take time to savour each moment. Be present with your children. Bend down to their eye level and give them your full attention. The whole planet will stop whirling in space. You won't miss anything. Trust me, I know from experience.



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City of Calgary Posts Surplus in 2015

Council was recently informed of a surplus from the 2015 operating budget.

The total surplus is \$86M. Of this, \$54M in savings was found through corporate initiatives and \$32M was found through savings identified at the business unit level.

A number of key factors contributed to this surplus:

- The City decided to not fill a number of job vacancies;
- Low fuel prices made refuelling City vehicles less costly;
- Increased revenues from various fees and fines:

In June Council will decide what happens with the \$54M in savings found through corporate initiatives. The options are:

- One-time rebate to tax payers: Many Calgarians are hurting right now. Calgary is feeling the brunt of rising unemployment rates, and some folks are having difficulty making ends meet. In 2016 Calgarians are scheduled to see a 3.5% increase to their property taxes. Offering a one-time rebate to tax payers would nearly eliminate this increase for the following year. Each property tax bill would see a reprieve of roughly \$100 in 2017.
- Shovel-ready infrastructure projects: There are a number of infrastructure projects that are ready to begin construction, but do not currently have funding. \$54M in funding could certainly help kick some of these projects off. This could translate into the creation of many construction jobs in 2016 for a market that badly needs more employment opportunities.
- City of Calgary "rainy-day" fund: This fund is where the funds are currently sitting. The City has a fund called "the financial stability reserve (FSR). Currently this fund sits at \$374M. The City may draw on this fund during times of economic hardship to continue delivering the services Calgarians depend on.

A few thoughts on these options:

Tax Rebate

- Tough economic situation for many Calgarians
- Especially difficult for folks on El or fixed incomes
- Relief would be a one-time rebate, but my hope would be that efficiencies will also be found in future years
- Hopefully by 2018 the local economy begins to show sounds of improvement

Infrastructure

- Good time to build infrastructure: availability of construction labour, lower costs, low interest rates
- Spending on projects could provide savings in the lona run
- \$54M could fund several projects that could begin construction in 2016

- This is The City's "rainy-day fund"
- I would argue that it is currently raining and adding to this fund would not be the best use of tax dollars at this time

Let's Hear From Calgarians

These funds belong to tax payers. While your elected official can share a number of ideas of what could be done, your voices must be at the table for this important decision.

I look forward to Council's debate on what to do with the surplus.

I turn the question over to Calgarians: What would you like The City to do?

Coffee With Your Councillor

Over the next number of months I will be hosting a series of small open houses. Ward 12 residents are welcome to join me for a cup of coffee to discuss issues that matter to them. Here is the 2016 schedule for Coffee With Your Councillor:

- Tuesday, June 21st 7:30-8:30 pm. New Brighton **Residents Association: 2 New Brighton Drive SE**
- Tuesday, September 27th 7:00-8:30 pm. Auburn Bay **Residents Association: 200 Auburn Bay Boulevard SE**
- Tuesday, November 29th 7:00-8:30 pm. Cranston Residents Association: 11 Cranarch Road SE

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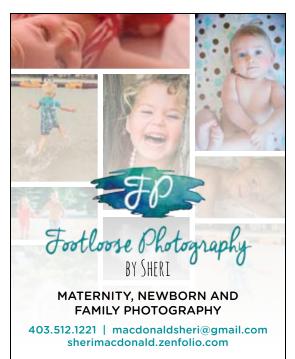


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Engage – I Need To Hear From You Please

In April, the Progressive Conservative Caucus launched EN-GAGE a new public engagement initiative. ENGAGE's purpose is to spark public conversation and to seek feedback from our most important stakeholders - vou. Engage does not prescribe specific policy actions, instead it promotes dialogue through a platform for exploring answers and finding additional possibilities for a better future. Since May 5, 2015, PC Caucus members have heard from many Albertan's through thousands of emails, phone calls, social media comments, and in-person conversations. They have told us that they want a government that takes care of both fiscal and social matters with equal care and attention. They want a government that is thoughtful, pragmatic, and forward-thinking and puts the interests of Albertans first. As your MLA I want to know what is important to you and I want to hear your ideas. Our journey to build a stronger province depends on us working together. I encourage you to use ENGAGE as an instrument to provide your feedback. www.abpcmla.ca/engage

The 4 Billion Dollar Challenge

Through ENGAGE, the PC Caucus challenges the Alberta government to find \$4 billion in operational savings over two years. We believe these savings can be found by streamlining administrative process, consolidating corporate services across government and improving efficiency by as little as one per cent in key areas. Albertans have seen no effort from this government to control spending. I believe that if small savings across government are found now, Alberta will avoid having to make deep cuts down the road when accumulating debt becomes unmanageable.

McKenzie Highlands School

Inverness Park SE and McKenzie Towne Drive SE. Anticipated opening January 2017 for 900 students. School principal appointed. www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/mckenzie-towne-middle-school.aspx

Keeping in Contact

Please continue to stay in touch with me on issues that affect you and your family. As your MLA, I am your voice in the Alberta Legislature and I am here to help you. Please contact me or my assistant Donna Elms, at the Calgary Hays Constituency Office.

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What's the best exercise if you have heart disease?

Walking is the best choice. It can lower blood pressure, reduce body fat and improve blood sugar and cholesterol levels. With heart disease you should always consult with your physician regarding the type and frequency of exercise.

What should I do if I think I'm having a heart attack?

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