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Meditation for Adults		Denise-Marie
Calgary Kyokushin Karate	Thursday's 6:00 – 9:30 PM	403-225-3516
Parkland Book Club	Friday's 1:00 – 3:00 PM	403-278-5462 Janice Schneider
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The Parkland Community Association is a Registered Charity operated by an elected Board of community member volunteers. We represent the municipal interests of Parkland residents; we are your voice in city planning decisions. The annual \$25 membership fee is voluntary, but membership is required for some community sponsored events. Your membership fees help us bring community members together through various programs and events such as:

- Community Garden
- Soccer
- Canada Day Breakfast
- Parade of Garage Sales & Community Clean Up Day
- Seasonal Parties – Winterfest, Fallfest, Halloween
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Board of Directors:

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	Adam Feuchuk
	Linda Mannix
	Jenn Vanderlann
	Michael Vaters
Past President	Cindy Ross
Hall Contacts	Laurie Bradley
	Erika Diaz

Board Meetings: Board meetings are customarily held at the Parkland Hall on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, with the exception of July and August. All community association members are welcome to attend our meetings. As our dates and times can change, we ask that you contact the Hall at 403-278-5330 or parklandca@telus.net to confirm any upcoming meetings that you would like to attend.

Parkland Community Hall – Rentals

Are you hosting a party and need more space? Looking for a venue for an upcoming baby shower or birthday party? The Parkland Hall is an affordable venue to consider! The hall features a bright hardwood-floored gym, kitchen, and meeting room – all available for community members and the public to rent.

To inquire about Parkland Hall rental rates and availability, please contact Laurie Bradley at 403-278-5330 or by email at parklandca@telus.net.

Other Community Representatives

Community Resource Officer	Constable Matt Forest
	403-428-6645
Parkland Girl Guides	1-800-565-8111
167th Parkland Scouts	Michelle Stager
	587-351-2719
Parkland Cares	Julie Kyliuk
	parklandcaresyyc@gmail.com
Parkland Babysitting Co-op	Jill Vaters
	mjvaters@shaw.ca
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	403-271-2668
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Park 96 is a private gated facility owned by the property owners in Parkland who have paid all fees owing and are deemed to be "Members in Good Standing" or the designate of such owner. The current fee is \$200.00 due annually on January 1st, part of which is a \$96 encumbrance on each property or residence. This fee is used to maintain operations, support social and recreational programs and finance park improvements. The Park is managed by an elected Board of Directors of up to 15 members. This Board meets at 7:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month, excluding July and August. Members with questions or concerns are welcome to attend these meetings, with prior notice of their desire to be added to the agenda, or may contact the Board President, Keith Watson, directly at park96@telus.net.

Park 96 UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST MONTHLY CALENDAR

Tuesday August 16

Board Game Club

Saturday, August 20

Tragically Hip Concert on the big Screen

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 17

Park96 41st Birthday Party

For more information on the monthly calendars contact:
Jennifer Stone, Park Administrator park96@telus.net
403.271.7516



- We're a group of Parkland moms who swap babysitting a few hours a week.
- It's a casual commitment for babysits/playdates once or twice per week.
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Parkland Cares



Parkland Cares is a community-based organization of families and neighbours committed to helping others.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the community members and friends that have taken the time to support the various Parkland Cares initiatives that were organized over the past six months. Three Cheers for Parkland! There will be lots of ways to get involved in the fall, so keep your eyes, ears and hearts open!

On June 18, we held our Kids Market Fundraiser in Park 96. Community children made treats, lemonade, crafts, and provided face painting. They raised just over \$238.00. These funds will be donated to the Canadian Red Cross to support those in need in Fort McMurray.

Sunday evenings at 7:00 is Yoga on the Ridge. We meet up just west of the Bus Loop for a relaxing outdoors practice. Donations are accepted for the class and go to support a variety of charitable causes including the Red Cross. More information on Facebook: Yoga on the Ridge.

Looking ahead, there will be an event on September 17, to support the Calgary Humane Society. This will take place during the Park 96 Birthday celebration. More details soon!

Please contact Parkland Cares if you have ideas for ways to encourage strong community connections, or if you would like to help us with any of our planned events. Our next planning meeting will be Tuesday September 13, at 7:15 in the basement of Park 96.



Parkland Cares Calgary
parklandcaresyyc@gmail.com.



Vin Gogh Paint Night

We had another successful night with Vin Gogh Paint & Sip Studio at the Parkland Hall on June 18th! Thank you to everyone who helped organize the evening and all the artists that came out and painted with us!



Canada Day Thank You

The Calgary Parkland Community Association Board of Directors and staff would like to thank all of our friends, neighbours, spouses, and all of the volunteers for helping with our very successful Canada Day celebrations. Other than a few minor hiccups, we had a very good turnout. It would not have been possible without all the help from our volunteers. Volunteers make ALL the difference!

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PARKLAND HOUSE SITTING REGISTRY

The House Sitting Registry matches home owners looking for a house sitter with those wishing to offer house sitting services. This is a great job for a teen, with some parental supervision or a home owner wishing to exchange with another. House sitting duties could include: emptying the mail box, picking up the paper, clearing away flyers, watering plants and generally keeping an eye on things. All service arrangements and remuneration are determined by the owner and house sitter.

This registry service is free of charge and only available to Parkland residences. To have your name included in the registry or to obtain a number of a sitter near you, please phone Dave Wiebe at 271-9230.

Summer Camps at the Hall

Bricks4Kidz

Brick Critters: The Secret Life (Ages 5-12)

August 8 – 12; 9:00am – 12:00pm

Explorer Quest Camp (ages 5-12)

August 8 – 12; 1:00pm – 4:00pm

"Galaxy Far Away" Space Camp

August 22 – 26; 9:00am – 12:00pm

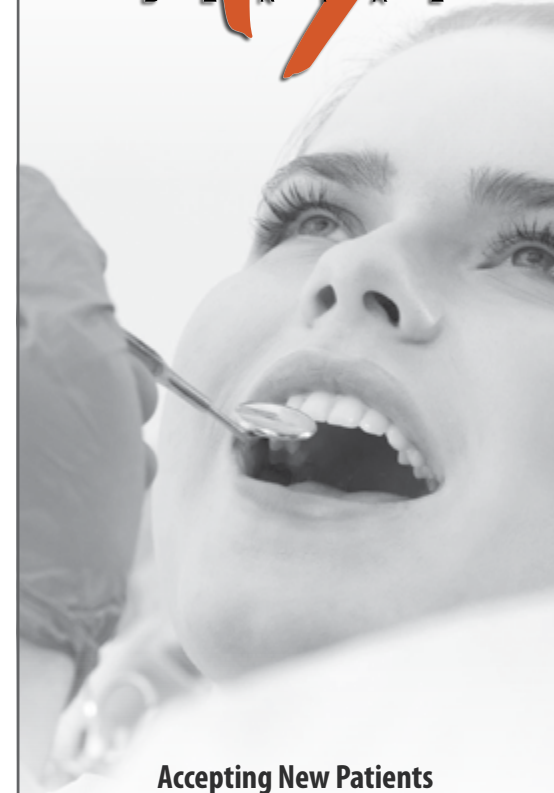
World of Amusement Camp (ages 5-12)

August 22 – 26; 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Visit www.brick4kidz.com for more information and to register!

Pedalheads

Pedalheads is back this summer at Parkland Hall! Beginning the week of July 4 and running through to the week of August 29, they will be offering full and half day camps. For more information or to register, go to www.pedalheads.com.



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PARKLAND SUMMERFEST

Thank you to all the Summerfest Volunteers and especially the organizing committee for their hundreds of hours work to ensure our Neighbour Party is a huge success.

TRAGICALLY HIP CBC CONCERT

Saturday, August 20

We have a team of volunteers organizing a viewing of the Hip's final concert on CBC. We are hoping to put it on the big outdoor screen on the main stage. Watch for an email when details have been finalized. It will be a BYOC – Bring Your Own Chair event.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARK96!

Saturday, September 17

Park96 is once again celebrating its birthday with an all ages Tennis Tournament & Family Disc Golf Tournament. There will also be live music, fun for the kids, and it wouldn't be a party without cake! Watch for an email with more details. Do you receive monthly emails from Park96? If you don't please send a quick email to park96@telus.net and we can add you to the list.

During the Party, Parkland Cares will be collecting for the Humane Society. The more common items to donate include:

- Gift cards for grocery stores (fruit & veggies for rabbits, guinea pigs etc.)
- Gift cards for Walmart, Canadian Tire, Superstore (for miscellaneous supplies)
- Gift cards for Petland
- "indestructible" toys for dogs, or treat/kibble-dispensing toys
- Fabric mice, plastic balls, cat toys with bells
- Towels, flat sheets (not fitted ones), fleece and blankets

If you have any questions about the Humane Society drive email parklandcaresyyc@gmail.com

REPTILE CAMP

Once again Park96 is hosting Reptile Camp during the weeks of July 25, August 8 and August 15. For more information or to register go to www.calgaryreptileparties.com.

PICKLE BALL

The courts are available to use on a first come first served basis. Park 96 has purchased 2 nets, 4 paddles and balls for residents to use at any time. They are stored in a box near the courts. The box is not locked at this time and we are hoping players will care for the equipment and return it in good condition to the box so a lock will not be necessary.

Beginning Monday May 30, organized drop-in sessions for social play have been designated as follows:

Monday and Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30

Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30

If you have any further questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact us at P96pickleball@gmail.com

BALL MACHINE TUTORIAL

Email park96@telus.net to coordinate a time.

Park96 owns a ball machine for members to practice their skills. Join our Tennis Champion for a mandatory tutorial and kick your tennis season into high gear. \$40 for the entire season. If you went through the tutorial in 2015 please go to park96.com to fill out the 2016 Waiver Form and drop it off in the office with payment.

NEED A FOB?

Are you new to Parkland and need a FOB? Drop into the Park Office with proof of your new address and fill out a membership form. Homeowners are given a complementary access FOB. Check out the Office hours on park96.com, press the door bell and Office Administrator, Jennifer Stone will let you in. Or book an appointment at park96@telus.net during a time that works for you.

If you plan to bring between 10 to 40 people to the Park for an outdoor gathering, please notify the Park Office to avoid over booking. If you wish to bring more than 40 people to your gathering then once again contact the Park Office at park96@telus.net and pay a minimal per person fee. Parkland Residents must stay on site at all times when bringing guests into the park.

PARK96 ANNUAL FEES

Park96 Annual Fee invoices were mailed January 4, 2016 and interest beings on April 1. If you did not receive your 2016 invoice please email park96@telus.net with your full name and address.

Payment Methods

1. Mail in a Cheque payable to the **Parkland Community Centre**.
2. Drop off your Cheque in the Park96 Mailbox just left of the Main Gate. Make sure to indicate your property address.
3. Come in person to the Administration Office to pay by Debit or call in with your Credit Card.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contract the Office at park96@telus.net.

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This project is part of the Urban Pipeline Replacement (UPR) Program which modernizes the natural gas network and adds capacity to meet the growing demand for natural gas in Alberta's largest centres.

The portion of the project in your neighbourhood is scheduled from June - August, 2016.

What you can expect:

Parkwood Way will be reduced to one driving lane for local traffic as construction progresses along the project route. Access will be maintained for all residents. However, no street parking will be available during construction.

Construction will consist of trenching, which includes digging up parts of Parkwood Way and the boulevards running alongside the road.

Notice regarding timing and impacts of construction taking place directly in front of homes will be provided to residents up to one week in advance.

Construction will take place during daylight hours only.

Where necessary, some poplar trees may need to be trimmed to accommodate construction equipment; however, there are no plans to remove any trees.

Bike and pedestrian pathways near worksites may be temporarily restricted. Alternative access routes will be made available where necessary.

ATCO Gas thanks you for your cooperation and we will make every effort to minimize any inconvenience. We will complete our work in a safe, efficient manner and restore the work area to the same condition as it was before the start of the project.

For more information, visit ATCOGas.com/UPR. On the "Projects" page, click on **ATCO Gas Lake Bonavista to Sun Valley Gas Line Installation**. This portion of the project is Phase 3.

For up-to-date information on the project and maps outlining the work, residents are encouraged to visit the website: atcogas.com/upr or contact:

Adam Chambers, P.Eng.
Senior Engineer, ATCO Gas
403-245-7155
adam.chambers@ATCO.com

PDF of map: <http://www.atcopipelines.com/upr/Projects/Documents/Lake-Bonavista.pdf>

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Alyse	16	403-271-2668	Yes
Danielle	16	403-991-2292	Yes
Gabby	16	403-225-0157	Yes
Karena	17	403-808-8226	Yes
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We're also looking for women to be leaders in a team of women to guide the girls in their learning. Training is available, no experience is necessary. It isn't necessary for you to have a daughter. Contact Pat Istead at isteads@telus.net for more details. Join us to make friends, learn and support young girls in our community.



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IN & AROUND CALGARY

Green Cart set to roll out next spring

After a successful pilot that saw a 40 per cent drop in garbage and 89 per cent satisfaction amongst residents, the Green Cart Program will roll out to all single family homes beginning next spring. All communities should have the service by fall 2017. Here are the highlights:

All food, yard and pet waste is accepted in the program.

Unlimited quantity. Use paper yard waste bags for extra yard waste that doesn't fit in the cart.

Green and blue carts will be collected on the **same day every week.**

Black carts will be picked up **once every two weeks on a separate day** since most household waste can be recycled or composted.

Residents will receive everything they need to get started including the green cart, a kitchen pail for collecting food scraps inside the home; a sample of compostable bags for the kitchen pail and yard waste bags. Once service begins, households will pay \$6.50 per month. This charge reflects the savings achieved by changing black cart garbage collection from weekly to once every two weeks.

Green carts go beyond backyard composting

If you're already backyard composting, keep it up. Use your green cart for all the other materials that cannot be composted at home like meat, bones, shellfish, dairy, weeds and pet waste.

Why we need to keep food and yard waste out of landfills

It may be hard to believe, but more than half of residential garbage is food and yard waste. Composting this material is the right thing to do. When food and yard waste is buried in the landfill it releases methane, a greenhouse gas that is 25 times stronger than carbon dioxide. By using the green carts we reduce dependence on our landfills, reduce greenhouse gas and turn food and yard waste into nutrient-rich compost.

To learn more about the Green Cart Program, visit **calgary.ca/greencart**.

Submitted by The City of Calgary Waste & Recycling Services.



IN & AROUND CALGARY



Annual Chip in Fore Communities Golf Tournament, presented by Save-on-Foods!

One of the most affordable golf tournaments in the city, at only \$160 for an individual or \$600 for a foursome, Chip in Fore Communities includes lunch, a round of golf with a power cart, a delicious dinner, amazing prizes, and most importantly, a day of fun!

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.

Visit calgarycommunities.com for more information or to register today!

Chip in “Fore” Communities on August 12!

Support Calgary’s community associations by joining the Federation of Calgary Communities on Friday, August 12 at the Canal at Delacour Golf Club for their 4th

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August and September in Fish Creek

A Taste of Autumn – Wine & Beer Tasting and Silent Auction Fundraiser

Friday, September 16, 2016; 6:30pm - 9:00pm

Meadow Muse Pavilion, Bow Valley Ranch, Fish Creek Provincial Park

Show your support for one of Calgary’s most cherished green spaces by contributing to the Friends of Fish Creek’s conservation efforts here in Fish Creek Provincial Park. Celebrate over 20 years of community based environmental stewardship in Fish Creek Provincial Park by attending A Taste of Autumn. Bid on amazing silent auction items, enjoy a variety of delicious appetizers, and meet with local producers of fine beer, wine and spirits. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase tickets. Sponsorship opportunities are available! To purchase tickets, contact the Friends of Fish Creek at 403-238-3841 or visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/event/autumn.

Autumn Birding Course

Autumn is a good time to begin birding. As the leaves drop off the trees, many of the smaller birds, which will be migrating, are much easier to see. All sessions are held in the great outdoors - in Fish Creek Provincial Park and other natural areas in Calgary. Outings are conducted by Gus Yaki, a lifelong naturalist who has birded around the world - and other experienced instructors. Each outing is approx. 2.5 hours. 15-week course starts Aug 29. Registration Required and fees apply. For course times and to register visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/birding-course

Painting in Fish Creek

With the park as your backdrop, join the Friends in a restorative session of outdoor painting, facilitated by one of several experienced local artists. Three different classes are offered, all with a focus on acrylic media.

Capturing Nature: Painting Day in the Park: Aug. 20, 9:00 am – 12, Instructed by Debbie.lee Miszaniec.

Painting in the Autumn Breeze: Sep. 14, 5:00 – 7:30 pm, Instructed by Sylvia Prochownik.

Paint What You See: Sep. 24, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Instructed by Jim Pescott.

For more info or to register for these or other Wellness programs, including Yoga, Qi Gong and Full Moon Meditations, visit: www.friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/wellness-clinics.

EMS: Accidental Poisoning

Alberta Health Services, EMS, would like to remind parents of precautions they can take to prevent accidental poisoning emergencies in their home. The ingestion of prescription or over-the-counter medications is the leading cause of accidental poisoning in children. Just small amounts of adult medications can be seriously harmful or even fatal to your child if swallowed. Other causes of poisoning are household cleaning products, dishwasher tablets, or personal care items, such as mouthwash or nail polish.

Medication storage

- Store all medications in a locked container and place in an area inaccessible to children.
- Keep medications in their original child-resistant packaging.
- Do not mix multiple medications inside one bottle.
- Install child locks on all cabinets, or drawers where medications are stored.

Safety tips

- Ensure visitors to your home keep their personal belongings out of children’s reach as they may contain unsafe items.
- Take extra precautions with medicines that appeal to children such as chewable vitamins, or flavored cough and cold syrups.
- Properly dispose of any medications or toxic household products no longer in use.

Prevention

- Store household products, car supplies, and cosmetics in cupboards or drawers that can be locked.
- Apply child safety latches to drawers and cabinets if they are within a child’s reach.
- Know and label all plants in and around your home and garden.
- Antifreeze, windshield washer fluid, and pesticides are extremely poisonous. Even small amounts of these can cause serious illness when ingested.
- Poisoning information can be obtained by calling the Poison and Drug Information Service (PADIS) at: 1-800-332-1414.
- In case of a poisoning emergency, call 9-1-1.
- Provide the name of the product ingested or, if it is safe to do so, a sample of the substance for EMS to inspect on their arrival.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

In case of an emergency, know your location

Each year, Calgary's 9-1-1 centre receives over one million emergency and non-emergency calls. It takes a team of over 300 employees, working in a 24-7 environment to answer those calls and get citizens the help they need.

The most important piece of information a 9-1-1 emergency communications officer needs is your location. If you don't know where you are, there may be a delay in getting you the help you need. Many citizens assume that emergency responders can find them based on cell phone GPS. This is not true. While the 9-1-1 officer may receive your approximate location, it's not always accurate. That's why it is so important to always pay attention to your surroundings and know your location.

It's easy if you're at home where you can provide your home address to the 9-1-1 officer. But what if you were outside, enjoying your day in one of Calgary's parks, when you suddenly need to call 9-1-1? If you're in Fish Creek Park, Glenmore Reservoir or on the Bow River pathway, you can look for our emergency locator signs. These signs are an initiative between Calgary Parks and Calgary 9-1-1. Taking note of them will help crews locate you in an emergency.

Whether you're at home or out enjoying the summer in our city, Calgary 9-1-1 is there to help you stay safe.

For more information on Calgary 9-1-1, visit calgary.ca/911



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The scoop on dog poop

With 150 public off-leash areas and over 100,000 dogs in our city, it's clear Calgarians love their canine companions. What isn't to love is the stinky situation left behind when owners don't pick up after their pets.

Cleaning up your dog's waste helps keep our yards, parks and off-leash areas safe and healthy, and is part of being a responsible pet owner.

Here are five facts you may not know about doggy doo-doo:

1. It's classified as a hazardous pollutant. It's in the same category as toxic chemicals!
2. It's crawling with E. coli and often contains roundworm larvae which, if ingested by humans or dogs, can lead to brain, eye and other organ damage.
3. It's not a good fertilizer. Its high nutrient content is toxic to lawns and will create "hot spots" causing the grass to burn and discolour.
4. It doesn't absorb into the soil, so the risk of spreading its harmful effects can linger for years!
5. It attracts mice, coyotes and other wildlife that consider it a delicious snack.

Keeping our city pet-waste free is easy, if we all do our part. Always carry pet waste bags with you when you walk your dog, and pick up and properly dispose of your pet's waste as soon as possible.

To learn more about the importance of picking up after your pet, join us at a P.U.P.P.Y. (Pick Up Pooch's Poo Yourself) event near you. Visit calgary.ca/puppy for details.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Responsible Pet Ownership in Parks

With spring in the air, dog owners are enjoying spending time with their family, friends and pets outdoors.. Knowing and adhering to the regulations in the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw 23M2006 will help ensure that dogs are not being a nuisance in the community, and dogs and citizens are safe.

Calgary Community Standards would like to remind dog owners of the following:

- When off of their owner's property, dogs must be on a leash unless in a designated off-leash area
- When in designated off-leash areas, dog owners must ensure their dog is under control, and is within their sight and responds to commands
- Parking lots adjacent to off-leash areas are on leash
- Owners are responsible for picking up all waste produced by their dog
- Dogs are not allowed in school grounds, playgrounds, sport fields, golf courses, cemeteries, wading and swimming areas, and other areas prohibited by signs
- Dogs must be walked on the right hand side of the pathway on a leash that is no more than two meters in length and must not interfere with other pathway users
- Owners cannot cycle, in-line skate or skateboard on a pathway with a leashed dog
- Dogs must not enter or swim in any body of water within a park except a river that runs through, or is adjacent to, a City park
- Have and wear a City of Calgary licence after 3 months of age

When we respect the bylaw we contribute to a safer and healthier community.

Thank you for being responsible dog owners and valued community partners.

The City of Calgary's Off-leash Ambassador program in Community Standards is sponsoring events to promote public awareness of responsible dog ownership in our off-leash areas:

FREE Dog Recall Training

We are offering tips and techniques from a certified professional dog trainer to help you keep your dog under control in designated off-leash areas

Get Moving This Summer!

Did you know that The City of Calgary has a variety of free and affordable community programs and events for families, youth and seniors this summer?

Don't sit at home. Get out and get moving! Take advantage of hundreds of community programs and events organized by The City.

Visit Calgary.ca/GetMoving to find an activity that's right for you!

Community Standards Bylaw Review

The Community Standards Bylaw promotes clean, safe, healthy communities by regulating neighbourhood nuisances like yard maintenance, noise, and fire pit use. The bylaw allows Calgary Community Standards to partner with Calgarians to build better communities and better communities build happiness.

The City is reviewing the Community Standards Bylaw to ensure that it still meets the needs of citizens. We want your feedback, please send your ideas to improve@calgary.ca. Let's continue making communities across the city the best they can be.

New to Canada?

Arriving in a new city can be overwhelming. In Calgary, there are many resources and services to assist newcomers, community organizations to help you get settled, and immigrant serving agencies who can help if you're new to Canada.

The Newcomers Guide to Calgary (available in English and Arabic) provides important information for new residents in an easy to download and print format. For more information, visit calgary.ca/newcomers.



The Overachieving Swainson's Hawk

Article by Cheryl Bowman and Andrea S. H. Hunt

Photo by Andrea S. H. Hunt

Swainson's Hawks are commonly seen raptors that live in southern Alberta from May – October. They are a medium sized hawk (50 centimetres long) that can be identified by a distinctive dark reddish bib on their chest, pointed wingtips (in flight) and dark bars on the underside of their tails. Swainson's Hawks live in prairie and grasslands, including crop and grazing lands.

Fun Facts:

- Swainson's Hawks have one of the longest migratory routes of any North American raptor.
- These hawks can travel over 20,000 km annually between their breeding grounds in Alberta and their wintering grounds in South America (Uruguay, Paraguay and Argentina).
- The diet of a Swainson's Hawk changes depending on the time of year.
- When nesting in the summer months, they eat rodents but Swainson's Hawks switch to grasshoppers in September and October (about 100 per day!) in order to transition to their largely insectivore diet in South America.

- Look out for these hawks in farmer's fields in the autumn, chasing grasshoppers on foot!
- Swainson's Hawks are also known as locust or grasshopper hawks.
- Swainson's Hawks are protected under Alberta's *Wildlife Act*.
- A group of migrating or soaring hawks is called a kettle. A kettle can contain tens of thousands of individuals.
- A young hawk is called an eyas.

Did you know?

- Fledgling Swainson's Hawks are quite heavy and often crash on their first flight out of the nest, which can break their wings.

If you find an injured or orphaned Swainson's Hawk, please call our wildlife hotline 403-239-2488 or bring it to our wildlife hospital in the northwest of Calgary (www.calgarywildlife.org).

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Hello Ward 14. I hope you're having a great summer. I know it's easy to let the idea that summer is almost over creep in, but in reality our best weather is still ahead...

Ward 14 Communities BBQ

That is exactly why I hold my Ward 14 Communities BBQ in September. I learned my lesson after holding the very first version of the BBQ in June. It was fun, but also rainy. You can expect the likelihood of rain to be much less in late September.

The Ward 14 Communities BBQ is on September 24 to be exact. We will be in the Southcentre Mall parking lot from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and even if the weather does not cooperate you will be able to find shelter.

Given the state of our economy, I have been nothing short of amazed by the generosity of local businesses this year. So far Great News Publishing, No Bull Book-keeping, Qualico, United Communities, Jack Carter Chevrolet Cadillac Buick GMC, Genstar, Southcentre Mall, Progressive Waste Solutions, Calgary Co-op, Safeway, and Southgate Chevrolet Buick GMC have all stepped up with their support. Because of their help there will be plenty of free community association memberships for attendees, and also a burger and beverage for everyone.

There will be all sorts of exhibits ranging from the interesting to the informative and everything in between. You will be able to visit everyone from your MLA, to a local scout troop, to reps from the Calgary Zoo. Every City of Calgary department that you can think of will be there for you to visit, and there will be much more.

I invite you to join me on September 24! Visit calgary.ca/ward14bbq for more information.

Stay Connected!

You can visit calgary.ca/ward14 to get updates on things like Counciltalk, my BBQ, and other City related things, or you could let me do the work for you. I send email updates about those things and others, but you need to give me permission first. You can do so by filling out the online form at calgary.ca/ward14connect.

Flying your drone safely and legally

With the help of our friends at the Calgary Police Service,

I would like to share with some small but helpful tidbits for staying safe and preventing crime over the next several columns. I will start with what seems like the most summer-related topic of them all—recreational drones.

I know that it may seem like an odd subject, but in the future it could be very important: even the City is investigating how drones can be used.

The Federal Government regulates the use of drones, but to launch from City property (like a park) you must get permission from the City (as with any property owner).

Use common sense! Don't operate your drone near large groups of people; near moving vehicles, or anywhere you could distract drivers; within restricted, or controlled airspace; or anywhere that may interfere with first responders. You may not fly your drone closer than 9 km to an airport; higher than 90 metres above the ground; or closer than 150 metres to people, animals, buildings, structures, or vehicles.

This is not an exhaustive guide for drone use, but is a window into it. Visit tc.gc.ca/safetyfirst for more information.

Thanks for reading, and please feel free to contact me anytime.

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4	2	3	1	5	6	7	8	9
5	8	9	2	4	7	1	3	6
2	5	7	6	8	9	3	1	4
9	1	4	3	7	5	6	2	8
3	6	8	4	1	2	5	9	7
8	9	2	7	6	1	4	5	3
7	3	5	8	2	4	9	6	1
1	4	6	5	9	3	8	7	2

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Parkland Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Parkland
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
June 2016	\$554,900.00	\$559,500.00
May 2016	\$638,700.00	\$624,500.00
April 2016	\$634,900.00	\$623,000.00
March 2016	\$575,000.00	\$555,000.00
February 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
January 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
December 2015	\$569,450.00	\$529,500.00
November 2015	\$769,450.00	\$737,000.00
October 2015	\$599,900.00	\$555,000.00
September 2015	\$595,000.00	\$585,000.00
August 2015	\$659,950.00	\$660,500.00
July 2015	\$592,400.00	\$585,500.00

Last 12 Months Parkland
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
June 2016	11	3
May 2016	4	2
April 2016	7	5
March 2016	5	3
February 2016	2	0
January 2016	3	0
December 2015	1	2
November 2015	2	2
October 2015	7	3
September 2015	6	3
August 2015	5	6
July 2015	2	4

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above
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ALL EMERGENCY CALLS	911
Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre	403.253.5250
Alberta Health Care	403.310.0000
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ATCO Gas – 24 Hour Emergency	403.245.7222
Calgary HEALTH LINK 24/7	811
Calgary Police – Non Emergency	403.266.1234
Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter	403.234.7233
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Peter Lougheed Centre	403.943.4555
Rockyview General Hospital	403.943.3000
Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre	403.955.6200
South Calgary Urgent Care Health Centre	403.943.9300
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Summer truly flies by as we usher in the glorious month of August. The weeks ahead are for appreciating long summer days, warm evenings and creating special memories with family and friends. Pancakes were a daily staple before and during Stampede and it was great to connect at many events across the constituency. I hope you had as much fun as I did! This year marked my first Stampede BBQ in Bonavista Downs and included games, food (sizzling Spolumbo's!), and music. Mark Saturday, July 8 on your calendar now for 2017!


In my last newsletter I noted great stay-cation opportunities right here in Calgary. One of my Festival-Faves is **GlobalFest**, which runs from August 18th to 27th, where I will be thrilled to host a booth with my Calgary Caucus colleagues. Please stop by and say "Hi" if GlobalFest is

in your calendar. GlobalFest offers world-class pyro-musical entertainment while celebrating and showcasing culture, art and food from around the globe. On a starry summer night, the spectacular fireworks are a perfect back-drop for a fun and economical family night out... creating memories to cherish for years to come.

Another great stay-cation is **Alberta Farm Days**. Launched four years ago, this provincial initiative highlights the great work and contribution of farmers and ranchers across Alberta. Did you know that 1 in 8 jobs in Canada and over 80,000 jobs in Alberta are agriculture based? Agriculture contributes over 100 billion dollars annually to Canada's GDP. Here in Alberta, we are blessed with rich farmland, sprawling ranchlands, and what I believe is the best beef in the world! This year farmers and ranchers will open their doors to the public on August 20th and 21st. If you want to see how honey is made, visit a bison ranch, or meet an alpaca, here is your chance to get up close and personal. There are unique opportunities for both young and old and I welcome you to visit www.albertafarmdays.com for locations, times and details.

If you wish to venture outside of Calgary please visit www.TravelAlberta.com for a complete listing of events and attractions across our province. As I often say, we are truly blessed to enjoy such rich natural resources, scenic beauty and friendly, industrious and hospitable people across our great province.

"**MLA Gone Walkabout**" is what I will be doing over much of the rest of the summer and fall to connect with as many businesses, community organizations and people in Calgary-Fish Creek. I have already heard from many regarding the impact of government policies and legislation on you, your businesses and personal finances. Nonetheless, I want to hear from as many constituents as possible to ensure I fully understand and appreciate the struggles you and your family currently face as I share my vision for a brighter future. As always, my office and I are ready, willing, and able to connect and assist in any way we can with community issues. My MLA Cafés will re-commence in September, so keep an eye out for future dates and join me for a chat and a coffee!



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