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The Parkland Community Association is a volunteer organization that represents the municipal interests of the residents within Parkland. It's your voice in city planning decisions and environmental issues that affect the neighbourhood. Memberships support affordable, local programs and the cost of maintaining the Parkland Hall. Yearly fees are \$25.00.

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Board meetings Please telephone for date and time of next board meeting. All members are welcome.

Parkland Hall office hours:

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This newsletter is edited by the Community Association.

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OTHER COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Parkland Baby Sitting Registry	Eleanor Molina	403 271 2668
Parkland Babysitting Co-op	Jessie Drevenak	403 764-6730
	parklandbabysittingcoop@gmail.com	
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Community Resource Officer		
Cst. Andrew Morton		403 428 6800



Parkland Community Hall Weekly Calendar

Main Room:

Mondays
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Parkland Preschool 403 225-0083
7:45 PM – 9:00 PM Private booking

Tuesdays
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Parkland Preschool 403 225-0083
8:00 PM – 9:00 PM Yoga (call for drop-in) 403 281-7553

Wednesdays
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Parkland Preschool 403 225-0083
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Zumba (Drop-in) bodybeat.ca

Thursdays
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Parkland Preschool 403 225-0083
6:00 PM – 9:30 PM Calgary Kyokushin Karate 403 225-3516

Fridays
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Parkland Preschool 403 225-0083
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Private booking

Saturdays
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Fit Families fitwelltraining.com
1:00 PM – 2:00 AM Available for private bookings

Sundays
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Redeemed Christian Church of God- all welcome
1:00 PM – 8:00 PM Available for private bookings

Meeting Room:
Mondays
Bonavista Figure Skating Club
1st Monday of the month

Tuesdays
4:30 – 5:30 Coding 4 Kids 587.969.3009
6:00 – 8:00 PM Parkland Brownies 403-273-3968

Wednesdays
Noon – 2:00 PM Bridge & Canasta Club 403 278-5330

Thursdays
7:00 – 9:00 PM Avon Leadership Meetings (1st Thursday of the month)
Progressive Conservative Meetings (2nd Thursday of the month)
Fish Creek Wild Rose Meetings (3rd Thursdays of the month)

Parkland Board Meeting 403 278-5330 (4th Thursday of the month)

Fridays

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Parkland Book Club 403 278-5462
(Third Friday of the month)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Winterfest
February 27
403 278-5330
Parkland Soccer Registration
February 27 & March 3
403 278-5330

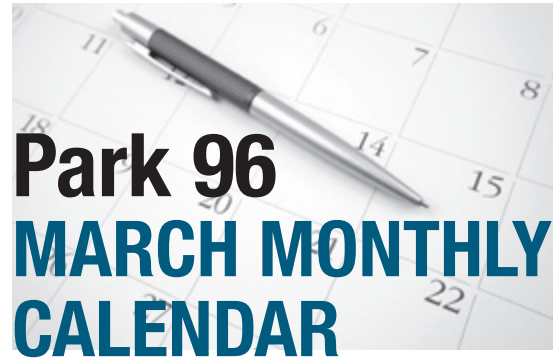
For Parkland Hall booking information please contact Laurie Bradley at 403 278-5330 or parklandca@telus.net.



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.



Park 96 MARCH MONTHLY CALENDAR

Mondays

Strength and Restore Yoga
9:30am - 10:30am

All levels welcome. For more information contact Jane Sponiar at 403.281.7553 or janesponiar@gmail.com or www.livingtaichi.ca

Tuesday & Thursday

WOW! Women on Weights
info: www.WomenOnWeights.com, or call Susan 403.660.4194

Tuesday, March 15

7pm
Board Game Club - all are welcome

March

***NEW* Adult Music Jam**

Sign up on park96.com
Saturday, March 12
Spring Tennis & Summer Camp Registration Day
10:00am – 12:00pm

Sunday, March 13

Easter Egg Hunt
Join us for wonderful day of egg hunting for the entire family.
11am-1pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 1
Art Jam

Saturday, May 14
Westwinds Music Performance

Sunday, June 12
Parkland Recycle Day

Saturday, June 25
SUMMERFEST

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



Parkland Winterfest

Saturday, February 27th, noon – 2 pm
Parkland Hall

Featuring animal babies from Butterfield Acres

Come hungry! Parkland Scouts will be selling hotdogs

- Winter crafts & games
- Face painting
- Mini golf & more

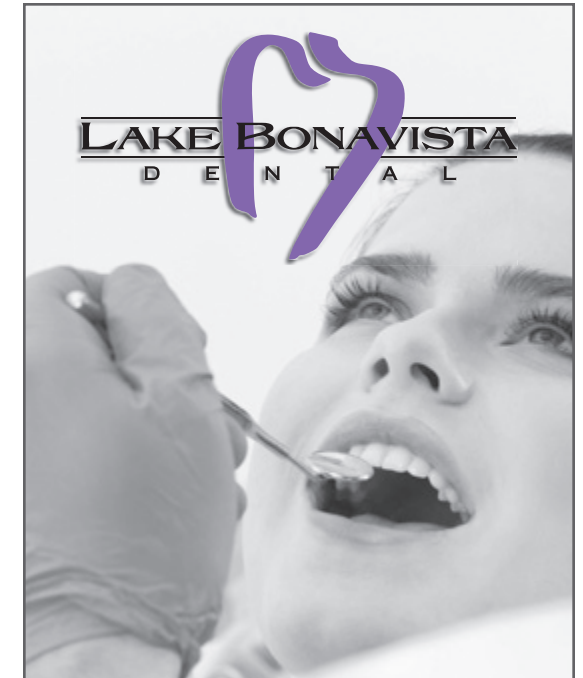


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Soccer Registration:

Saturday, February 27 11 am – 2 pm &
 Thursday, March 3 6 – 8 pm
 Parkland Hall

- U6 Players born in 2010/2011
 Mixed boys and girls
 Games played Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 - 7 pm
 Registration fee: \$50 plus a valid community membership
- U8 Players born in 2008/2009
 Mixed boys and girls
 Games played Mondays and Wednesdays, times to be determined
 Registration fee: \$75 plus valid community membership
- U10/ U12 Players born in 2006/2007 (U10)
 Players born in 2004/2005 (U12)
 Mixed boys and girls
 Separate U10 and U12 if registration numbers warrant
 Games played Mondays and Wednesdays, times to be determined
 Registration fee: \$75 plus valid community membership

This program is sponsored by the Parkland Community Association. Memberships will be available for sale at the time of registration. We accept memberships from local communities, although Parkland residents must have a Parkland membership. If you have support fee through Trico, we will gladly provide you with a valid community membership card.

This program is run entirely by volunteers. Please be one of them! Our most critical volunteers are Age Group Coordinators and COACHES.

Interested teens are welcome and encouraged to join the group as trainers or co-coaches. Gain work experience and have fun!!

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Trico Centre for Family Wellness
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 403-278-7542 | www.tricocentre.ca

Deer Park United Church

77 Deerpoint RD SE - 403-278-8263
nfo@dpuc.ca - www.dpuc.ca)

- Good Food Box orders are due by February 23! Get a box of fresh, wholesale produce for 25.00 (small), 30.00 (medium) or 35.00 (large)! Orders can be placed in person at 77 Deerpoint Rd SE from Monday to Thursday between 9:00-4:00 (we take 12-1 for lunch).
- Deer Park United is pleased to present a series of Mental Health Workshops by graduate students from the University of Calgary! Topics discussed include depression (February 24), psychosis, schizophrenia and mood disorders (March 2), and women's mental health across the life cycle (March 9). All workshops will take place in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00-8:30pm and are free for all attendees. Please contact Kiran at kiranmckee@dpuc.ca for more information!
- Come to Deer Park's Meditation group! Wednesday 7pm-8pm in the Fireside Lounge, free for all attendees.
- Deer Park United is welcoming a refugee family from Syria in the coming weeks in collaboration with other local United Church congregations. If you are interested in helping out in some way, whether that be through volunteering your time, in kind goods, or in some other way, please contact the Deer Park United office at info@dpuc.ca.

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Prince of Wales Elementary School

Spring has sprung and the students at Prince of Wales have been busy with many exciting activities.

Dozens of students tapped into their scientific curiosity to participate in the school's annual science fair. Judges' and students' choice awards were presented to outstanding scientific minds at the end of the Feb. 4 event.

The top entries from Grades 5 and 6 will go on to compete in the city-wide science fair. Prince of Wales is one of a handful of elementary schools that hold their own science fairs.

Other things afoot at the school include:

- Recycled Bag Making Club;
- Musical Theatre Club;
- Board game Club;
- Spirit Days including dress like your favourite teacher and dress like your future self;
- Kananaskis in the Classroom;
- Irish Dance Company presentation March 17; and,
- Fun lunches every two weeks or so.

A number of curriculum-related, fun activities which promote hands-on, experiential learning started up recently or will shortly including:

- Second round of Power Hour classes began in February giving students from Grades 1-6 have the opportunity to learn more about topics like photography, Canadian soldiers in World War II, computer program, chess, gardening, cooking and more;
- Gymnastics; and,
- A variety of field trips including Fish Creek park, the Arts Commons, the
- Rothery Observatory, Glenbow Museum, Byblos Bakery and Telus Spark.

The Idea Lab in the Learning Commons continues to take shape. Please see the Prince of Wales web site for a wish list of items needed such as: nuts and bolts, old electronics for the 'take apart' station, and other items.

As always, my door is always open.

Nicole Bezugley

Principal, Prince of Wales School

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Spring nature day camps run from Monday, March 21 to Thursday, March 24 and are located at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Ralph Klein Park and Devonian Gardens.

Nature Fun Camps, designed for children four and five years old, introduce preschoolers to the natural world using games, crafts and stories. Camps run from 9 a.m. to noon and are \$92 per child.

Nature Spring Camps, designed for children ages six to 10, focus on nature's amazing transformation during the spring season, including insect, plant and animal adaptations. Camps run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are \$180 per child.

The City of Calgary also offers nature day camps during July and August for children four to 12 years old. These week-long adventures are offered at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. Half- and full-day camps are available. Summer camp registration begins February 29.

Worried about childcare? We have you covered. Before- and after-camp care is available upon request.

For more information or to register for a spring nature camp, visit calgary.ca/parksguide or call 403-268-3800.

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

The City is looking for more Calgarians to join citizensview.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](http://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 Citizens' View at www.citizensview.ca.

Citizen Dashboard pilot gives Calgarians insight into City performance and Calgary's quality of life

The City of Calgary's Citizen Dashboard is an online tool that provides Calgarians with access to information about The City's performance and how City services contribute to Calgary's quality of life. Available at calgary.ca/citizendashboard, the tool displays performance measures and data using interactive graphs, charts and maps.

"The Dashboard provides citizens with easy access to City performance measures, provides explanations of what those measures mean and what we are doing to improve service," said Mac Logan, General Manager, Transportation and Chair of a committee designed to oversee and champion customer service and digital innovation at The City. "We look forward to hearing from Calgarians during the pilot as they explore the tool."

Powered by The City's Open Data Catalogue, the Citizen Dashboard pilot currently displays performance measures for 311; Calgary Transit Access; Transit Safety and Security; Waste Management; and Building Regulations. Additional services and performance measures continue to be added on a regular basis.

Calgarians can check out the Citizen Dashboard and provide feedback at calgary.ca/citizendashboard.

Neighbour Day

Held annually on the third Saturday of June, Neighbour Day is an opportunity for neighbours to come together in the form of BBQs, cleanups and potlucks to celebrate our strong community spirit in Calgary. Make Saturday, June 18 the day you host a block party, a picnic at your local park or even introduce yourself to a neighbour and lend a helping hand.

The City of Calgary wants to encourage as many people as possible to host a local activity on their block or in their residential building. That is why they are waiving the fees for small scale local block party permits and neighbourhood park bookings for events that take place on June 18 this year. Please note the deadline for road closure permit applications is May 27.

Visit calgary.ca/neighbourday for more information about Neighbour Day including an event planning kit, information about permits other logistical considerations.

Youth Employment Centre Hiring Fair

Looking for a job? Visit the FREE Youth Employment Centre Hiring Fair on Tuesday, April 5 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the

Big Four Building. Connect with employers offering hundreds of positions that need to be filled now. Dress to impress and be prepared to be interviewed.

Get a job and start your dream career at Calgary's only hiring fair exclusively for youth ages 15-24. Visit nextSteps.org for more information and to view the list of employers attending the event.

Earn your wings as a Snow Angel!

Shovelling a neighbour's walk can make life easier for them and members of your community with mobility concerns. Calgary's Snow Angels make a big difference from small acts of kindness. If you have a Snow Angel, nominate them on calgary.ca/snowangels or by contacting 311. The Snow Angel will receive a letter and a pin from the mayor and both you and your Snow Angel will be entered to win a grand prize. This year the grand prize is a snow blower. Win, win, win for everybody!

As you shovel your walk this winter, take a few extra minutes to clear a neighbour's too.

To learn more about the program or to find out information about recognizing a Snow Angel, visit calgary.ca/snowangels.

City staff hit the roads throughout snow season

As snow has been falling around the city this winter, Calgarians have come together to make the season fun, safe, and enjoyable for everyone.

When snow falls, City Parks crews quickly started clearing designated pathways, and Roads crews are always working hard to plow, salt, and sand major roadways. These teams often work overnight to keep the greatest number of Calgarians moving safely. Keeping the roads safe for everyone is a joint effort between The City and Calgarians, too. When it snows, make sure to give yourself extra time to reach your destination and leave extra distance between you and the car ahead of you. calgary.ca/snow is a one-stop shop for winter driving tips, the road conditions map, FAQs, updates and more.

Snow Angels have been keeping sidewalks safe for everyone, too. Keeping sidewalks shovelled, ice-free and safe can be very challenging – even dangerous – for older adults and others who have limited mobility. To be a Snow Angel, all you have to do is adopt a sidewalk and keep it clear when it snows. Watch for people in your neighbourhood who could use help removing snow and lend them a hand. Visit

calgary.ca/snowangels for more information, and make sure to recognize your Snow Angel by calling 311.

Fast. Easy. Organized.

The Official City of Calgary Map Gallery is a collection of online maps that show locations and information for City parks, recreation centers, flood recovery efforts, drop-off locations, landfills and much more. Based on citizen feedback over the last several years, this collection of maps is now organized by

categories, allowing easy navigation throughout the gallery. In addition, we've improved functionality of our maps by hosting multiple custom-made maps instead of only one generic map. There are over 30 maps available in the gallery, and each tells its own customized story. There is much information to discover in The City of Calgary Map Gallery, available from your personal computer or mobile device.

To use the Map Gallery, simply go to calgary.ca and click on the Map link from the home page. Browse through the several categories available, and then click on the map of your choice.

See what services are available in your community, or take the Historical Downtown Calgary Walking Tour – the Map Gallery has it all.


Southland Leisure Centre

Friday Night Dance Party– March 18 from 7:15-10:00pm.

Admission to the Party includes a dance lesson (primary movements, rhythmic structure, posture, leading and following), social dance, as well as refreshments. No Partner Required! See calgary.ca/leisurecentres for schedules and more information.

Wednesday Soccer Drop-in

Age: All ages
Soccer in the gymnasium. Develop foot skills, practice drills or play a game. Nets and standards are available. Please supply your own soccer ball. See calgary.ca/leisurecentres for schedules and more information.
Tuesday, Mar 22 – 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
- Family Easter Craft & Cookies Celebrate Easter–Make some Easter crafts for your family and friends and enjoy some light refreshments. Drop-in to our lobby.



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.

March 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, swim, skate, or play shinny, plus 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.)

PARK 96 NEWS

PARK 96 ANNUAL FEES

Park 96 Annual Fee invoices were mailed January 4, 2016. Interest will begin April 1. If you did not receive your 2016 invoice please email park96@telus.net with your full name and address and we can send one to you.

Payment Methods

1. Mail in a Cheque payable to the Parkland Community Centre.
2. Drop off your Cheque in the Park 96 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 Credit Cards.
4. Call to pay by Credit Card over the phone.

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

ADULT MUSIC JAM

Are you a musician that is looking for a place to play with other musicians? Here's your opportunity. This will be an "all-level" jam session that everyone can play along with. It will be led by a professional musician to keep things going in the right direction. Whether you want to sit in the back and strum or get in front and sing, this is for you. All levels, all instruments.

Details and sign up at www.park96.com

TENNIS NEWS



Although Parkland graduated from the Building Tennis Community (BTC) Program I was invited back to attend the Tennis Canada's BTC Conference in Toronto in late October 2015. Tennis Canada wanted new BTC's to meet some graduated communities from across the country to share experiences.

Tennis Canada also established a new direction for BTC's to not only focus on getting kids to learn tennis, but to increase the number of recreational competition through a league pathway system. This is similar to any other kids' sports such as hockey, soccer, basketball, etc. The minor league concept gives participants a chance to play right away and be part of a team. As children are learning skills while playing games, they are also improving. While at the Aviva Centre (formally Rexall Centre, where the Roger's Cup is played), we watched a Girls Only league. Kids wore different coloured jerseys and played doubles under the guidance of a female coach.

In January, Parkland tried to develop an indoor program for kids and adults. Lessons and cardio tennis would be played in local schools gymnasiums, but unfortunately we had to cancel due to low enrollment. The idea of league tennis is not new, but it is challenging here in Parkland as we have a small population. However, we may implement some of these ideas into our lessons so kids get to experience team competition in a fun, comfortable setting.

Our sign up for tennis lessons, camps and cardio tennis will be March 12th. If your child has friends from outside the community we encourage them to sign up too. It's always fun to be learning with buddies.

In the meantime, we can anticipate the opening of the new Al Olsten-Buddy Victor Indoor Tennis Centre located in the southeast on 90th Ave and Acadia Drive. This is a joint venture between Tennis Alberta, Tennis Canada & City of Calgary. At the BTC conference I spoke to the CEO of Tennis Canada, Kelly Murumets who informed me it will be a high performance centre for Western Canada. This is exciting news, as not only will the public be able to play in a world class facility, promising young athletes have the opportunity to develop skills from national coach. For more information check the website: www.acadiatennis.ca

And here is a link from an article from the Calgary Herald: <http://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/world-class-tennis-facility-to-open-in-acadia> Until next time...keep the ball in the court,

Sheralee Hancherow

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SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 10-12

Come fill out your forms, pay and receive confirmation

PARK 96 NEWS

all in one easy day. If you can't make it during our registration event, you can still contact the park office to register. There will be entertainment in the basement for the little ones.

Forms of payment accepted: Direct Debit, Cheque, Visa or MasterCard. Make cheques payable to "Parkland Community Centre".

Registration is a first come first serve basis.

PARKLAND EASTER EGG HUNT



Sunday, March 13, 11am-1pm

After the huge success of last year's Easter Egg Hunt we are planning another. Bring the kids or the grandkids and have a lovely day hunting for eggs through the entire park. There will be food trucks, entertainment and of course CHOCOLATE.

WARM UP TO WINTER & BOOK A PARTY

Have you thought of all the fun waiting to be had at Park 96 for your next Party? Only Parkland Residents can book so take advantage of the best kept secret in Parkland and let Park 96 make your next event fresh, fun and easy!

Contact the Park Office at park96@telus.net for more information, rental rates and booking criteria.

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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.

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Hello Ward 14!

The transition from winter to spring brings out one of my favourite traits in the true Calgarian. The slightest reprieve from the harsh weather spurs a wave of activity in this beautiful City. The prohibitive weather seems to inspire a real respect for the ability to take an active role. It breeds appreciation for the chance to take part and be involved.

Citizens' View

We need to nurture and harness Calgarians' strong desire to be involved, which is why I am so happy to see the City of Calgary catching on with initiatives like Citizens' View.

If you want to participate in shaping City of Calgary programs and services I suggest signing up at www.citizensview.ca. As a member of the Citizens' View panel you will be updated of opportunities to provide input. You will also receive information about upcoming events and service improvements. I signed up for Citizen's View, and have been very impressed. You should too.

Action Plan Check-in: Mid-Cycle Budget Adjustments

You may have seen a City bus at Deer Valley Shopping Centre when you were out and about during February. It is another example of how the City of Calgary is catching on with some great new initiatives. It was a perfect opportunity for Calgarians to get involved. Are you noticing a theme?

We developed the Action Plan in 2014 as the City's busi-

ness plan and budget document for 2015 through 2018. It was based on one of the most robust public engagement efforts that I have seen in my time as a Councillor. Council tweaks the plan every November, but given economic events of the last year or so there is a clear need to revisit the plan in more depth for 2017-2018.

The bus visited several locations in the City during February to gather input from Calgarians on what matters most to them. The input will be used to advise adjustments to the City's business plan and budget for 2017-2018. The chance to get involved in this is not over—although it will not be via bus. You can visit calgary.ca/check-in for other opportunities to share your opinion through the end of April, and I am always happy to incorporate your view. You can contact me anytime, or join me at Counciltalk.

March Counciltalk

The February edition of Counciltalk was great. Thanks for coming if you were there. If not, the next is on March 19 at the Deer Park United Church (77 Deerpoint Road S.E.) from noon to 2 p.m. All the Counciltalks are listed at calgary.ca/counciltalk, and you can sign up to get reminders for all the Counciltalk dates at calgary.ca/ward-14connect.

ATCO Gas Fish Creek Provincial Park System Improvements

You may have heard about safety improvements being made to ATCO Gas' pipeline system or seen some work being done in Fish Creek Park. I won't go into too much detail because it is best that you get your information straight from the source, but pipeline construction will continue and is scheduled to the end of June. I encourage you to visit atcopipelines.com to learn about the project in detail.

Have a great March!

IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

St. Philip Fine Arts Elementary School

It's hard to believe that we are over half way through the school year with spring just around the corner!

February was another exciting and engaging month here at St. Philip Fine Arts School. Highlights included presentations from the John Howard Society, and Kananaskis in the Classroom. We also had a beautiful Ash Wednesday liturgy attended by Father David from our local parish St. Bonaventure. Our staff was able to attend sessions at the Calgary City Teachers' Convention and bring back more plans and ideas to make the experience of every student one they will remember for the rest of their lives.

We would like to thank the dedication of every single staff member and volunteer at St. Philip Fine Arts School who commit their hearts and minds into everything they do.

Springtime in Fish Creek Provincial Park

www.friendsoffishcreek.org

Spring Birding Course

12 week Spring Birding Course starts Monday, March 28, 2016.

Fish Creek Speaker Series

Presentations will take place at the Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre at Shannon Terrace in Fish Creek Provincial Park. Registration Required. For more information visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/speaker-series

Sticks and Stones: Using Bioengineering to Improve Fish Habitat

Thursday, February 25, 2016 — 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Presented by Lesley Peterson (P.Biol) Provincial Biologist Trout Unlimited Canada

Top Dog: The Ecology, History and Survival of Gray Wolves in Kananaskis and Alberta

Thursday, March 24, 2016 — 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Presented by Melanie Percy, Regional Park Ecologist, Heritage Protection Team Lead

Fish Creek Community Fair

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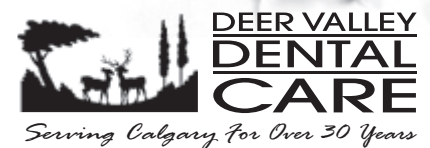
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IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

Lenten activities underway at École St. Cecilia School

For our Lenten activity this year, our school community is supporting Habitat for Humanity through a variety of activities culminating in an Art Evening to raise funds. The Lenten period leads up to March 24 when students will celebrate the Stations of the Cross.

Our grade 5 and 6 students will enjoy skiing and snowboarding lessons in March at Winsport while our grade 2 students will visit the Glenbow Museum to learn about Calgary's history.

The activities will wind down for Spring Break which begins on March 24 at noon.

St. Bonaventure School

St. Bonaventure enjoyed an exciting March with a number of happenings representative of the school maxim of spirituality, citizenship, and excellence.

The junior high band program had very productive workshops at Camp Evergreen. What a wonderful opportunity for our band students to continue to develop their musical gifts and talents! A special thanks to St. Bonaventure's band teacher and the parent volunteers. Your assistance was greatly appreciated! The band program also had an outstanding performance at the Kiwanis Music Festival. Additionally, the school's physical education program offered netball and dance. Students really enjoyed the activities!

St. Bonaventure's Spanish Bilingual Program "Open House Evening" was an overwhelming success due to the efforts of a number of dedicated teachers and students. The event was well attended as a number of perspective families looked to gain more information regarding the many programs that operate at St. Bonaventure.

Spiritually, the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake breakfast along with our Ash Wednesday Celebration marked the beginning of the Lenten season. Many thanks to our parent volunteers who helped serve the students and

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to St. Bonaventure Parish for the liturgical celebration. Additionally, our Lenten drives have given the St. Bonaventure school community the chance to contribute towards an international charity.

Finally, St. Bonaventure's school council continues to contribute to the development of the school's learning commons to engage all students for success.

Important Dates:
March 17 and 18 - Parent Teacher Conferences
March 24 - Holy Thursday - Noon Dismissal for Easter Break



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Do you have newsworthy items that would be of interest to our community?

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Hello Constituents,
The Legislative Spring Session will begin on March 8 and I am eager to represent the interests of my constituents in budget debates, Carbon Tax and Climate Change discussions, and other economic and social issues that are important to all Albertans,
Friday mornings in February hosted many successful "MLA Café" sessions at the constituency office. I hope that more constituents will have the chance to visit my office for conversations about your concerns and visions for the future of Alberta. Your opinions are important to me, and I welcome the opportunity to meet, listen, and learn how I can better represent you. Once Spring Session starts I will be spending each Monday - Thursday in Edmonton, but will continue "MLA Café" with the next one scheduled for March 11 at 10 am. Constituency weeks are scheduled for the last two weeks in March and the last week in April. During these weeks I will be active in the community, so please let me know if you have events you would like me to attend.

The results of the Royalty Review have now been released and while I am pleased there are no significant changes in the short term, I am disappointed that the process created anxiety and uncertainty in a time that requires a sure and steady hand for the energy sector and economy. For a copy of the full Royalty Review Report, please see my Facebook page for the link or call my office.

Guidelines for Best Practices
I am receiving feedback from many residents on the "Guidelines for Best Practices" recently released by Alberta Education. Please check my Facebook page or call us for links to the full document. I am available to hear your perspectives on this initiative at your discretion. I would also encourage you to reach out to your local school trustee. Meanwhile, I am pleased to receive any correspondence on this issue share them with the Minister of Education.

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Community Spirit
Your efforts and passion for the community inspire me daily. One example was the Deer Ridge Skating Party on January 9th. Although the temperature was close to -25C there were plenty of volunteers cleaning the rink and preparing hot dogs for the participants. Many residents braved the chill and skated all afternoon. To me this speaks to the dedication of people in our many communities and ensuring Calgary-Fish Creek is a great place to live.

As always, I welcome you to follow me on Facebook and Twitter, or to call and schedule a meeting. To be added to our e-newsletter, please send us an email. All mediums of communication assist me in effectively representing you in the Legislature.

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Parkland Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Parkland MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
January 2016	\$0	\$0
December 2015	\$569,450	\$529,500
November 2015	\$769,450	\$737,000
October 2015	\$573,233	\$557,050
September 2015	\$761,633	\$765,626
August 2015	\$686,583	\$680,966
July 2015	\$596,174	\$586,500
June 2015	\$750,950	\$731,062
May 2015	\$711,740	\$684,000
April 2015	\$604,866	\$587,666
March 2015	\$648,700	\$640,625
February 2015	\$654,900	\$632,125

Last 12 Months Parkland MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
January 2016	4	0
December 2015	1	2
November 2015	3	2
October 2015	7	3
September 2015	6	3
August 2015	5	6
July 2015	2	4
June 2015	5	4
May 2015	8	5
April 2015	5	6
March 2015	5	4
February 2015	5	2
Total	56	41

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above
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Average Price	759,750	602,209
Number of Sales	26	24
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Lowest Price	367,500	566,813
Highest Price	1,214,880	923,000
Average Price	791,190	744,907
Number of Sales	14	23
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Highest Price	607,000	825,000
Average Price	576,000	657,500
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