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## **Real Estate Update**

## Last 12 Months Riverbend MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price		
July 2016	\$459,900.00	\$446,500.00		
June 2016	\$369,900.00	\$362,000.00		
May 2016	\$474,900.00	\$460,000.00		
April 2016	\$470,900.00	\$456,750.00		
March 2016	\$414,900.00	\$404,025.00		
February 2016	\$439,000.00	\$425,000.00		
January 2016	\$449,900.00	\$435,000.00		
December 2015	\$429,900.00	\$406,000.00		
November 2015	\$424,900.00	\$418,000.00		
October 2015	\$439,450.00	\$426,500.00		
September 2015	\$475,000.00	\$463,000.00		
August 2015	\$447,900.00	\$440,000.00		

## Last 12 Months Riverbend MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
July 2016	12	17
June 2016	15	9
May 2016	14	11
April 2016	10	8
March 2016	13	8
February 2016	10	5
January 2016	6	3
December 2015	2	5
November 2015	7	5
October 2015	6	8
September 2015	11	15
August 2015	12	15

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit riverbend.great-news.ca

## IN & AROUND CALGARY



## **Going on a Holiday?** A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities

#### **Building Safe Communities Program**

Summer is a great time to enjoy a vacation! But before you do, make sure your home is as safe and secure as possible. The keys to protecting your home when you are on vacation are not just the ones you use in your deadbolt lock.

Below are a few tips to help reduce your risk:

- Double-check your insurance policy to find out if and when you require someone to check in on your home. · Give a trusted neighbour or friend a key and trip de-
- tails and ask them to check in on your home. Don't advertise that you are going away.
- Create a lived-in appearance. Be sure the lawn is cared for while you are away, and stop any newspapers or have flyers collected from your door or yard. Set lights and a TV's on timers so your home is not dark during
- evening hours. Encourage a trusted neighbour to park their car in your
- driveway while you are gone. Ensure that your door and window locking devices are
- working and are locked when you leave.
- Disable your garage door while you are gone. Most have a switch that can be turned off. You can also put a padlock or similar device through the door tracks to ensure it cannot be opened.
- Put away, or secure all lawn furniture or tools (i.e. ladders) so they can't be used to assist a burglar in gaining access to the upper story windows of your home.

For more helpful safety resources, check out the Federation of Calgary Communities website at calgarycommunities. com, under the Building Safe Communities tab.



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## IN & AROUND Schools

## Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool

As we begin another exciting school year, we extend a big welcome to both new and returning students. Our wonderful teacher, Mrs. Killam, is looking forward to her 35th year with Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool!

September is a month of getting acquainted with the new students, rekindling old friendships and making new ones, and establishing preschool routines. Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool has a bright and cheerful atmosphere that creates a wonderful environment for learning, playing and having fun.

Parents please mark your calendar for the Parent Orientation Night: Thursday, September 6th at 7:00 pm at the preschool.



## IN & AROUND CALGARY

## 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.



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#### **August 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 (more than 55 in the summer months), 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 Grand Opening

This month we're excited to announce the re-opening of our pool (anticipated project completion of Aug 15, 2016). Once open, the pool will be available for members and patrons to drop-in and enjoy. Programmed swim lessons will begin in September.

At a projected cost of over 4.25 million (provided through government grants and lifecycle and reserve funds), aquatic centre improvements include: Myrtha pool liner (one of 2 in Alberta to have this technology), pool deck tile replacement, hot tub with expanded capacity, new play spray features, re-gelling of the waterslide, ceiling tiles to reduce sound reverberation, replacement of upper windows to energy efficient, glare-resistant panes and replacement of lighting to energy-efficient LED fixtures.

#### Summer Fun for Children & Youth

Summer Day Camps: Trico Centre is known for its summer camps. Want your child to have fun and learn over the summer? Quality themed camps. 3-14 yrs, weekly or daily, full day, half, day, pre and post care. See the Summer Program Guide or check www.tricocentre.ca for all the details.

Summer drop-ins include Drop-In Playtime (walking and up, Thursdays, 5-6:30pm), Drop-In Craft (2 yrs and up, Tuesdays, 5-6:30pm) Drop-In Dodgeball (15 yrs +, Wednesday, 7:15-8:15pm.) Check the Summer 2016 Program Guide for details.

#### Fall/Winter Program Guide and Registration

Member registration begins August 2 and 3 (ongoing.) General Public: August 4 and ongoing. Trico has something for everyone! Swimming lessons, skating lessons, adult fitness, older adult fitness and wellness, parent & tot, preschool, children & youth. Lots of new programs; see www.tricocentre.ca for a pdf of the Fall/Winter Program Guide or pick up a copy at Trico Centre.

#### New for Fall: Adults

Ballet Barre Blast: A unique blend of dance, Pilates, yoga, and cardio moves-it's a kick for the midline, glutes, and legs. Myofascial Stretch and Release: Maximize your mobility and reduce pain. Also new is The Focus Series -Goal-focused small groups that are affordable and fun! Groups include fat burning, healthy back & joints, basics, power lifting and strength training.

#### New for Fall: Tots/Preschoolers

Combo classes: Art N' Gymnastics (4-6 yrs), Funky Fridays (3-5 yrs) - Each week focuses on a different theme inspired by science experiments, music, cooking, crafts, or sports, and includes a supervised dip in the pool for the last half hour. Kangaroos and Krocodiles (3-5 yrs.) Get ready, get wet...go! This program starts in the gym with games, sports, songs, and tons of fun—and finishes up with a swim lesson!

#### New for Fall: Youth

Hip Hop (6-10 yrs): learn how to Hip Hop to the beat in this grooving dance class. Gym n' Swim Fridays (6-10 yrs & 10-14 yrs): This high-energy program starts with active games and play in the gym and ends with free water play in the pool! Perfect fun for Friday!

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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