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# THE OFFICIAL SHEPARD & AREA COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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# COMING EVE



# "Community Cards" Class Right Here at Our Shepard Community Hall

Nothing warms an occasion more than a homemade note from the heart!

Next class - Saturday, Jan 20/18 - 10am - 3pm This fun class includes making 5 or 10 "hand-crafted" cards with envelopes for various occasions. No experience necessary and all supplies included.

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Next

SCA

Meeting

Jan.17 at 7pm

Wednesday

SAVE THE DATES Jan 17/18 Feb 21 / 18 Mar 21/18 Apr 18/18 May 16/18 June 20/18 July-August - none Sept 19 /18(+AGM) Oct 17/18 Nov 21/18 Dec-TBD

# **Road Ramblings**

 Road Report - www.511alberta.ca • SE Ring Road 17 Ave. - 22X Issues - Chinook Road Partnership

• 22X / Deerfoot / Ring Road – c/o Carmacks at 403-543-8750, www.carmacksent.com • City of Calgary Roads - call 311/ www.calgary.ca RockyView County Roads 403-520-6378/ www.rockyview.ca Alberta Transportation 1-877-898-7623 or http:// www.transportation.alberta.ca/eastgp.htm

# **Local Landscape Links**

### **South Shepard Area Structure Plan - Updates**

http://www.calgary.ca/PDA/LUPP/Pages/Current-studiesand-ongoing-activities/East-region-planning/South-Shepard-Area-Structure-Plan.aspx?redirect=/southshepard

### **Revised Public Lands Act (Water) Affecting Private** Land Owners

http://www.wetlandsalberta.ca/water act/

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Note – there is an inter-municipal agreement whereby you can appeal either County or City listings even if you live in the other tax area.

City of Calgary – Thursday's Calgary Herald or www.Calgary. ca/publicnotices

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Chestermere Public Library		403.272.9025
Glenmore Square Library		403.260.2600
Fish Creek Library		403.221.2090
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# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

The AGM meeting was held September 20 along with the regular monthly meeting. Some of the meeting highlights included:

## **Shepard Executive Board** President – TBD

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Bill Thompson, Brian Webb, Mike Reid, Sue Berg, Heather Gillette-Smith

Ms. Teresa Hargreaves, a Ward 12 City Council candidate, attended the Shepard AGM meeting to introduce herself and become familiar with the community & its members. Following the most intriguing civic election day in a long time on Oct.16, we are once again represented by Shane Keating - Ward 12 City of Calgary and offer a sincere "Welcome Back" to Al Schule - RockyView's Division 4 Councillor.

Departing RV Councillor, Rolly Ashdown, had decided not to rerun after 2 terms in the RockyView office. The SCA & Shepard Community at large would like thank Rolly & his family for their many contributions & support to this community over the years and wish them much success in their next business endeavour in the Langdon area (mmm...can't wait!!).

The Sept.20 report from Calgary Police stated they are actively monitoring the 114 Ave speeder situation from the hamlet to the east city limits and have issued some healthy infractions and will continue to do so. For newcomers to the area, be reminded that the speed limit is only 40 km. At the Oct. 18 meeting, Const. Moore was present and had some very informative updates about our area's "unwelcome activity" and had tips about how we can better & easily protect ourselves as property & business owners.

**CASINO NEWS** - Shepard's next Casino Fundraiser dates are confirmed for Thursday, May 31 and Friday, June 1 at the Deerfoot Inn and Casino. There are approximately 36 positions to be covered for all 4 shifts so we will be soliciting for volunteers as soon as you can confirm. Please call the hall at 403-290-0144 on M-pm/W/F if you can be counted on. All training provided (and it's easy...).

SAVE THE DATE - Party Time - Saturday, Dec.16 is "community reserved" for the 2nd Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Party at the hall with food, prizes and fun!! Don your tackiest apparel (or not) and join us for some casual fun. Cash bar starting at 5pm, Catered Dinner at 6:30. So that we can confirm catering numbers, all attendees must R.S.V.P. by Dec.6 to Narklie@msn.com.

Lastly, the Saturday morning "coffee & donuts" drop-in has been shelved for the near future.

~ On behalf of the Shepard Executive Board

# Garden of Eat'n

By Terry Zimmer

This is the story of a garden, and those who work in it. A couple named Jack and Marlene Begg had, some years ago, spent time in Ethiopia as volunteer teachers. On their return, they wanted to contribute to the Calgary community. They lived on a parcel of land in the community of Shepard at the edge of the City and thought they might plant a garden and donate the vegetables to the Calgary Food Bank. A group of retirees from Amoco Canada (of which Jack was a member) were looking for such a project, and the Garden of Eat'n was born. The name was chosen because the 1.5acre garden relies totally on rainfall, since well water has too much alkali for plant usage. This garden was the first community garden in the Calgary area, but, according to the Horticultural Society, there are now hundreds of them, albeit smaller.

The garden depends on many corporations who share their retirees and employees to seed, weed and harvest the vegetables. The Calgary Interfaith Food Bank has provided the water, seeds and help at each session. The companies that have participated are: Amoco Canada (now BP Canada), Chevron, Imperial Oil, Conoco Phillips, Cenovus, Encana, Nexen, Oxford Group, and Homes by Avi. McDonald's Restaurants have provided 150 Big Mac coupons for the volunteers yearly.

In the past 22 years, the garden has contributed 184,573 lbs. of vegetables to the Calgary Food Bank.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER Family Party

# <u>Saturday, Dec.16</u> Cash Bar 5pm, Catered Dinner 6:30pm

 Shepard Community Hall (Lounge)

 10800 || 84 St. SE
 403-290-0144

# Food, Prizes & Fun!

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May your Sweaters be Tacky & Bright ©!





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In the month of October, we met with student council members and some students from Copperfield, New Brighton, and Prince of Peace Auburn Bay schools to put together a video about school playground funding. We hope this video catches the attention of Minister Eggen and assist these schools in obtaining playgrounds for their students to enjoy.

Last month we also began meetings with stakeholders in regard to changing the Animal Protection Act. Various animal rescue groups, veterinarians, animal protection officers and individual stakeholders from all over Alberta participated in these meetings and by providing feedback. We will present our feedback to the Minister of Agriculture once this work is complete, and continue to advocate for these changes. More information is available on my Facebook page, via the linked group Alberta Animal Protection Act. If you'd like to join, please send a request and we will add you.

### **Events and congratulations:**

- We visited the Auburn Bay dog park, met dog owners and handed out treats and coffee (Thanks Bone and Biscuit and Second Cup Mahogany for participating in this event)
- Sunset in the GOA at St. Albert the Great Church
- SOS Children's Villages Calgary Leadership Luncheon
- Group of Seven Aunt and Uncles Day at All Seniors Care Auburn Bay
- Auburn Bay CCSD Sod Turning Ceremony
- Calgary Food Bank Tour
- TD Mahogany Grand Opening
- Handed out candy at the Mahogany Halloween Howler
- Handed out candy at the Cranston Halloween party

### Did you know?

- Our office presents congratulatory scrolls for anniversaries and birthdays. Birthday scrolls are available to constituents celebrating their 65+ birthday, in five-year intervals. Anniversary scrolls are available to constituents celebrating their 25+ anniversary, in five-year intervals.
- I will visit your child's school and speak about the role of an MLA, government, and answer students questions.
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### GOING ON A CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY?

The Christmas Holidays can be 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 details 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 sidewalk and steps are cared for while you are away, and stop any newspapers or have flyers collected from your door or yard. Set lights and a TVs on timers so your home is not dark during evening hours.
  Encourage a trusted neighbour to park their car in your drive-
- way 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 resources, check out the Federation of Calgary Communities website at calgarycommunities.com under the Building Safe Communities menu tab.



Councillor, Ward 12 Shane Keating **403-268-1698**  $\sim$  CAWard12@calgary.ca www.shanekeating.ca ✓ @ CouncillorKeats **f** www. facebook.com/CouncillorKeating

There are few things more humbling than a re-election campaign, especially for an incumbent. I ran on my track over the last 7 years. What I was offering to residents of Ward 12 was my same dedication and passion for the priorities that I have been fighting for since 2010.

I was humbled that 73% of Ward 12 voters agreed with my approach. I'm thrilled to be returning to represent Ward 12 for another 4 years—I'm back because I'm committed to finishing what we started. As part of my commitment to Ward 12, I have identified three key priorities that I want to work towards over the next 4 years:

### 1. Green Line LRT

We need to maximize what we can accomplish in Stage 1 of the project. I believe we can get to Mckenzie Towne Station within the initial funding envelope, and I will continue to push for that. We also need to agree on what future stages will look like. That needs to be complimented with additional funding so that future stages could be constructed concurrently with Stage 1.

### 2. Community Safety

I see two key issues that need to be managed with respect to community safety:

 Local crime. Much of the local crime we see in our communities is entirely avoidable: unlocked vehicles, leaving valuables in plain sight, etc. We need to work with CPS and communities to communicate how we can all contribute to keeping crime away from our communities instead of inviting it in.

• Street safety. We have a duty to make sure that people can get to where they are going safely in our communities. That means getting enforcement where it needs to be and getting the right infrastructure into the right places.

### 3. Value for your tax dollars.

Value for money means finding a balance. Are we achieving the best possible service delivery with the resources that we have? Is our tax burden appropriate and is there a positive return on your tax dollar investment? When Council sets our four-year budget, we need to be prepared to make difficult decisions and find ways to improve our essential service delivery without automatically resorting to increasing our revenues.

I'm a results-driven person, and I believe that is reflected in my track record as your Councillor over the last 7 years-and I want to continue pushing for positive results for our communities over the next 4 years. We have a lot to get done, so let's get to it!



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Dec.2 – Cardel Rec South Dec.9 – Acadia Rec Centre Dec.19 – Calgary Life Church Dec.20 – Cardel Rec South - Gym Dec.23 – Cranston Resident Association

Jan.20 – Blessed Cardinal Newman School Jan.26 – McKenzie Towne Church

Feb. 13 – South Health Campus Feb.15 – Glenmore Inn Feb.23 – Chestermere Community Centre



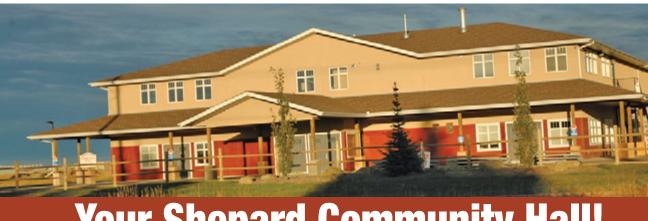
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