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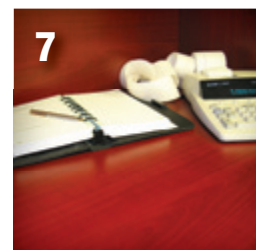
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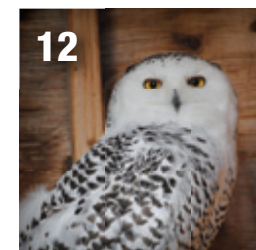
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# Consider Some New Year's (Financial) Resolutions

Jason Kruse, Financial Advisor



We're just about ready to open the door to 2017, so you might be thinking about some New Year's resolutions. What's on your list this year? More visits to the gym? Learning a new language? Mastering the perfect beef bourguignon? All worthy ambitions, of course, but why not also include some financial resolutions?

By reviewing your needs and goals, you can identify some resolutions that are particularly relevant to your own situation. But here are a few suggestions:

**Build an emergency fund.** If you needed a major car repair or a new furnace, or faced some other large, unanticipated expense, could you cope with it? If you didn't have the money readily available, you might have to dip into those investments intended for long-term goals, such as retirement. Instead, build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

**Cut down on debts.** It's not easy to cut down on one's debt load. But if you can find ways to reduce your debts, you'll help improve your overall financial picture. Many debts are not "useful" – that is, they don't carry any tax advantages – so every dollar you spend to pay down those debts is a dollar you could use to invest for your future.

**Boost contributions to your retirement plan.** If your employer offers a group RRSP or similar retirement plan, take full advantage of it. Your earnings have the potential to grow tax deferred and your contributions may lower your taxable income. Plus, most plans offer a selection of investment options, so you can choose the investment mix that fits your objectives and risk tolerance. Therefore, if your salary goes up this year, or if you think you can find other ways to free up some money, increase your contributions to your retirement plan.

**Review your portfolio.** Is your investment portfolio still on track toward helping you meet your long-term goals? If not, you may need to make some changes. You'll also want to study your investment mix to make sure it still accurately reflects your risk tolerance. Over time, and often without your taking any significant actions, your portfolio can "drift" to a place where you are taking on too much risk – or even too little risk – for your needs and long-term objectives. If this happens, you may need to "rebalance" your holdings.

**Avoid mistakes.** None of us can avoid all mistakes, in life and in our investment activities. But as an investor, you'll clearly benefit from minimizing your errors. For example, it's generally a mistake to jump out of the market in response to a period of volatility. If you wait for things to "calm down" before investing again, you might miss out on the opportunity to participate in the next market rally.

**Think long term.** Keep this in mind: You're not investing for today or tomorrow, but for many years from now. Try to keep a long-term focus when making all your key investment decisions. By doing so, you can avoid overreacting to short-term developments, such as a sudden drop in the market or a "momentous" political event that actually decreases in importance as time goes by.

Try to follow these financial resolutions as best as you can. You could make 2017 a year to remember.

## NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT TO KEEP YOUR FUTURE ON TRACK

A portfolio review will help ensure your investments are keeping pace with your goals. Call or visit our office today.



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With its cold winds, long nights, and merciless snows, winter can be an ordeal for both you and your car. But beyond all the extra windshield washer fluid and maintenance your ride will need, your fuel budget will likely see the biggest bump — gas use can spike by over 25 percent, adding more to an already-too-large chunk of your budget.

This is because the cold winter air puts more aerodynamic drag on your vehicle and your engine has to work harder to plow through all that snow and slush. But you can fight back with a few surprisingly simple tricks:

1. Chill out and go easy. Aggressive driving uses much more gas than you'd expect. Speeding up and slowing down suddenly makes your engine work harder than it should, so take it smooth and steady behind the wheel to see some savings.
2. Plan ahead. Beyond driving more gently in general, you can cut down on gas use with some simple planning. By keeping a careful eye on traffic ahead and keeping your speed down, you can save yourself the painful start-stopping that drives up your gas use, and still arrive on time. Working to curb those bad habits can save you time at the pump and aggravation on the road. And whenever possible, plan your route ahead of time using radio traffic alerts or a smartphone app that

helps you avoid any gas-guzzling jams.

3. Don't idle to start up. Are you using a remote starter or starting your engine then running back inside to let your vehicle warm up? Don't fall for the driveway-idle trap — not only does it suck up gas and increase emissions, idling for more than 30 seconds doesn't give any extra benefit. All you need to do to warm up your car is to drive it gently for a few minutes. You'll be warmed up and on your way in no time.
4. Keep an eye on your tires. Tire pressure changes with air temperature, so check your tires at least once a month to make sure they're inflated correctly. Driving on tires that are under-inflated by as little as 8 psi can cut their life by more than 10,000 km and drive up your gas use to boot.
5. Use a block heater. Block heaters warm up your car's engine before you start and can cut down on gas use dramatically by eliminating the need for you to warm up the engine at all. Use a timer on the block heater for added convenience; just set it to turn on about 2 hours before you need to drive, and you're off to the races with a pre-warmed engine, gas in your tank, and money in your pocket.

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### Last 12 Months Maple Ridge MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
November 2016	\$569,000.00	\$550,000.00
October 2016	\$499,900.00	\$487,500.00
September 2016	\$537,450.00	\$518,500.00
August 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
July 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
June 2016	\$557,450.00	\$520,000.00
May 2016	\$599,900.00	\$587,500.00
April 2016	\$564,900.00	\$551,250.00
March 2016	\$539,900.00	\$525,000.00
February 2016	\$619,839.00	\$595,000.00
January 2016	\$532,400.00	\$518,750.00
December 2015	\$532,400.00	\$518,250.00

### Last 12 Months Maple Ridge MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

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

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# Snow White: The Snowy Owl

Article by Cheryl Bowman  
Photo by Andrea S. H. Hunt

The Snowy owl, a majestic bird, is the largest owl in North America by weight. The Snowy owl is 52–71 cm long, with a 125–150 cm wingspan. The adult male is completely white while females and young birds have some dark spots. Snowy owls migrate to Alberta during the winter months, after spending the spring and summer in Alaska. The Snowy owl is the provincial bird of Québec.

### Fun Facts:

- The Snowy owl is an exceptional hunter:
- The Snowy owl can fly silently due to the fact that its flight feathers are tipped with soft down, allowing this predator to swoop down silently on its prey.
- The Snowy owl has exceptional hearing and sight, allowing it to capture its favourite prey, lemmings, as lemmings are unable to hide under the snow to avoid capture.
- Snowy owls are crepuscular, which mean they hunt and are active both day and night, whereas other owls are nocturnal and hunt at night.
- Snowy owls form a monogamous pair and vigorously defend their territory, even against large carnivores such as wolves.

On average, the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society (CWRS) receives 4-6 Snowy owls per year. These birds have a well-known migration pattern in Alberta and because of this, treatment must be administered quickly to avoid the Snowy owl being 'over summered' (whereas the risk to other migratory birds is being 'over wintered'). Releasing the Snowy owl in time for their regular migration allows this majestic bird a greater chance of survival.

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1. Get on the nice list. Sign up for retailer emails. Many of your favourite brands share deals and discounts via email, especially during the holiday season. Sign up to get the inside scoop on promotions and first dibs on discounts.
2. Budget your spending and bag a deal. Many retailers offer online exclusive products and sales. Shop online during your lunch break or even from your mobile phone on your commute home to snap up holiday sales as they happen. Have a clear budget and keep it handy for quick reference to make sure you don't blow it on an impulse buy.
3. Look for free shipping. Many of your go-to holiday shopping destinations offer free shipping within Canada when you make purchases over a certain amount. If you plan on sending gifts to loved ones in a different city, take advantage of free shipping to save yourself time and money.
4. Don't pay for return shipping. The turkey has been carved and the gifts unwrapped. Once the tissue paper has settled, there is time for you and your loved ones to reflect on your holiday gifts. If you purchased a sweater for your dad and it doesn't fit or the game you bought for your nephew wasn't exactly what he wanted, send the gift back. PayPal's newly launched Return Shipping on Us service will foot the bill for return shipping costs on eligible items, saving you up to \$30 per claim. Register here: [www.paypal.ca/returns](http://www.paypal.ca/returns).

Don't let the holidays take control of your wallet. Become a bargain hunter, shop at your convenience, and hit the shops ahead of the crowds to take advantage of deals this season.

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## Willow Park



### Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Willow Park  
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
November 2016	\$435,000.00	\$430,000.00
October 2016	\$482,400.00	\$457,500.00
September 2016	\$579,900.00	\$567,000.00
August 2016	\$574,900.00	\$580,500.00
July 2016	\$587,450.00	\$569,000.00
June 2016	\$459,000.00	\$439,000.00
May 2016	\$496,200.00	\$491,250.00
April 2016	\$694,000.00	\$667,250.00
March 2016	\$542,000.00	\$524,000.00
February 2016	\$599,700.00	\$580,000.00
January 2016	\$519,000.00	\$516,937.50
December 2015	\$514,850.00	\$500,500.00

Last 12 Months Willow Park  
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
November 2016	9	3
October 2016	9	8
September 2016	5	5
August 2016	7	6
July 2016	8	8
June 2016	8	5
May 2016	6	4
April 2016	7	2
March 2016	7	2
February 2016	7	8
January 2016	5	3
December 2015	2	2

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above  
MLS averages please visit [willow\\_park.great-news.ca](http://willow_park.great-news.ca)

## IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

### St. Bonaventure Junior High School

1710 Acadia Drive S.E., Lake Bonavista

St. Bonaventure School continues to embrace the school motto of spirituality, citizenship, and excellence. With the first three months of the school year behind us there are certainly plenty of events to highlight and celebrate.

Liturgically, the Season of Advent is upon us. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the nativity of Christ at Christmas. One of the most visual symbols during advent is the wreath. The Advent wreath, four candles on a wreath of evergreen, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God. During each Sunday of the Advent season, as each of the four candles is lit, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. The white Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world. During advent, the school participates in collecting food for Christmas hampers. This is yet another reminder to students of how they can consciously "light up" someone's day and bring hope and joy, love and peace to a family in need.

Athletically, the wrestling season will be concluding with city finals being held in mid-December. Many thanks to both the parents and coaches for another successful wrestling season. Basketball follows wrestling on our athletic calendar and will begin a week before Christmas break.

St. Bonaventure will be hosting our annual Winter Fine Arts Gala. The evening will be an opportunity to showcase our instrumental music, art and drama programs. Parents are welcome to celebrate this special evening with us on December 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30.

Merry Christmas!

### Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool

During the month of November at Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool the students were immersed in learning about colors, shapes and the exciting world of dinosaurs! The children also received a keepsake t-shirt and their class photos.

Everyone at Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool is looking forward to the holiday season and the excitement that this joyful time brings. With careful guidance, our little elves are busy creating wonderful crafts to decorate their homes and thoughtful Christmas gifts for their parents! HO! HO! HO!

Before taking some time off with their families, our three and four-year-old classes will each enjoy a Christmas party. This last preschool event of 2016 will be a fun-filled event with crafts, songs, and Christmas cheer. Santa will make a surprise visit to the party with a special gift for each child.

Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool would like to wish you all a fun, happy and safe holiday season. We look forward to seeing everyone again in the New Year!

If you would like some more information about MCP please contact us at 403-278-9594, [info@mapleridgepreschool.com](mailto:info@mapleridgepreschool.com), or visit our school website at [www.mapleridgepreschool.com](http://www.mapleridgepreschool.com).



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## December 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.)

## Wellness Access Program/Helping Others

- December can be a strenuous time on the budget. The Trico Cares program offers **fee assistance** for memberships and admissions. Plus, we have partnered with organizations that offer fee assistance for programs (Canadian Tire Jumpstart, KidzFirst, KidsSport.) See [www.tricocentre.ca](http://www.tricocentre.ca) for details.
- For the fifth year, Trico Centre invites you to help those less fortunate in Calgary by dropping off items for Inn from the Cold. List of needed items available at Trico Centre and on our website. Drop off items until Thursday, December 15.

## Register for Winter Programs

- Winter program registration begins November 15 and 15<sup>th</sup> for members and November 16 for general public. Swimming, skating, sports, creative, dance, gymnastics, adult fitness, winter break day camps.

## Student Holiday Passes

- Students, want to stay active over the holiday break? Trico Centre offers student holiday passes: Post-Secondary Students (18-24yrs), valid between November 7 and December 31, \$56; Youth Students (12-17 yrs) valid between November 14 and December 31, \$32; High School Student January Exam Stress Release Pass, January 1-31 just \$22.
- Gift of Health – give the gift of health this season. Gift a friend or loved one with a 10-Visist Pass or a Trico Centre Membership. See Guest Services for details.



## Adults, Older Adults

- Adult fitness in December: Candlelight Christmas Yoga: Treat yourself to a relaxing yoga class before the celebration begins – December 23, 10:30am – 12pm, Ride on New Year's Eve: Get a jump start on your New Year's goals with this invigorating spin class, December 31, 12 – 1:30pm.
- More than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week – including aquafitness in our newly refurbished pool. Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members. See the Drop-In Fitness schedule at [www.tricocentre.ca](http://www.tricocentre.ca) under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.
- Bones and Balance, Chair Yoga, and Balance Builders: Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults: These multi-week registered programs start in January – registration is open now.

## Families, Children & Youth

- Family Skate with Santa – come join Santa for a seasonal craft session, leisure skate to festive music, hot chocolate, and cookies. Saturday, December 17, skate from 10am-12:30pm, other activities 12:15-2pm. Member family \$15, non-member family \$20.
- Holiday Drop-In Day Camps. Join camp for a full or half day, whatever works for you and your family. Pre-register due to limited spaces. 6-12 yrs, December 19-23, 26-30, and January 2-6. See Program Guide or [www.tricocentre.ca](http://www.tricocentre.ca) for details.
- Winter Break Swim Lessons. Trico Centre is offering Winter Break swim lessons from December 19-23 and 27-30. See Program Guide or [www.tricocentre.ca](http://www.tricocentre.ca) for details.

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JANUARY

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**October 6 - January 8 ATB Storytellers Exhibition at National Music Centre:** Discover Alberta's rich music history at the new ATB Storytellers Exhibition. Explore the untold history of some of Alberta's music pioneers and icons through artifacts, film and interactives. Free and accessible to the public inside Studio Bell's Drop-In Zone. The exhibit will feature a collection of artifacts and recorded oral histories with iconic Albertans. More info [www.nmc.ca](http://www.nmc.ca)

**January 5 - February 2 High Performance Rodeo multiple venues:** Offering all types of theatre over the course of almost a month, the High Performance Rodeo can feel as exciting as its namesake if you are trying to fit all the great performances in from this annually jam-packed schedule. To keep up-to-the-minute informed check the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/HPRodeo](http://www.facebook.com/HPRodeo) or more info and tickets [www.hprodeo.ca](http://www.hprodeo.ca)

**January 29 Bridal Fantasy at the Telus Convention Centre** Brides can expect to see a dramatic fashion show and theatrical production featuring the latest trends in flowers, tuxedos, gowns, destination wear, hair and make-up. Brides have the opportunity to win over \$75,000 in prizes and the chance to win the Fantasy Wedding Package - Including prizes from all of the sponsors. More info [www.bridalfantasy.com](http://www.bridalfantasy.com)



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Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Season's Greetings and Happy Holidays!

I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season with family and friends, spending time and celebrating with those you hold dear.

As is in the spirit of this season, Calgarians are known to have generous hearts during the holidays and throughout the year. If you are looking for a nearby location to drop off non-perishable food items, our office will be accepting donations until December 14th, 2016. The Food Bank's wish list items this year are; canned soup, fruit juice, macaroni and cheese, canned green veggies, canned tomatoes, canned fruit, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fish or meat, peanut butter, baby formula, diapers, and baby food.

As we look back on 2016, I am happy to say that our Government has invested into 243 school projects to ensure that students have quality educational facilities that are close to their homes. If you would like to watch the progress of these various schools you can find the details at <https://projects.alberta.ca/>

It has been wonderful to speak to students at many different schools in Calgary-Acadia over the past couple months, and I look forward to more opportunities to talk with students about their goals. Hearing from the next generation of Albertans continues to inspire me. I am pleased that this government is committed to environmentally conscientious initiatives to help keep our local surroundings green and healthy for generations to come.

Thank you to my committed volunteers and supporters for joining me in door-knocking over the fall season, we received a lot of positive response from community members. Many of the questions we received were questions around supports for seniors, as well as information on job creation, and grants available to small businesses. If you require any information on these or other issues - please do not hesitate to contact my office.

I have been honoured to represent the interests of the residents of Calgary-Acadia, and always welcome your ideas for our Alberta.

My staff and I are here to help and hear your feedback. If you need assistance accessing government programs, want some support for a community event or initiative or just want to say "Hi," you can reach us by email at [Calgary.Acadia@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:Calgary.Acadia@assembly.ab.ca), by phoning 403-640-1363 or visiting #10, 8318 Fairmount Dr SE. We are open Mondays 10:00AM-3:00PM and Tuesday - Friday 10:00AM-4:00PM.

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## Ho! Ho! Ho! And mistletoe!

It's that very festive time of year and Girl Guide chocolaty mint cookies are perfect for the season! There are units still selling cookies so keep an eye out at local retail locations for our yummy mint cookies.

November was a busy time for all our units with enrolments, cookie selling and Remembrance Day activities. In December all our units will be busy celebrating the festive season and wishing everyone 'Peace on Earth'.

*SPARK* units went to the library, will be clay painting, attending Zoolights, having a holiday PJ party and making "Socks of Hope" for the DI Centre.

*BROWNIE* units are camping, learning basic first aid, visiting the fire hall and attending Zoolights.

*GUIDE* units are attending Zoolights, working on different service projects such as visiting a seniors home & making craft kits for various agencies and learning first aid.

*PATHFINDER & RANGER* units are busy gift wrapping for the Cerebral Palsy Association, attending Calgary Area Ranger camp, fusing glass sun-catchers, holding a bottle drive and volunteering at Zoolights.

Guiding is a great place to grow lasting friendships and experience new opportunities. Why not give us a try! Registration is ongoing and January is a great time of year to join a unit and have some fun.

If you have any questions regarding Guiding or registration please contact Calgary Area Girl Guides at [ggcinfo@calgarygirlguides.com](mailto:ggcinfo@calgarygirlguides.com) or call 403-283-8348.

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Hi Everyone!

It's the holiday season, and I hope you will have some time to spend with friends and family. Here are a few notes that will help you during December.

### Snow and Ice Control

It is a good thing to mention once or twice a year... The City maintains over 16,000 lane kilometres of road excluding Deerfoot and Stoney Trail, which are the Province's responsibility. Naturally, maintaining this amount of road requires prioritization. That is why the City endeavors to maintain all roads seven days from the end of a snowfall. You can expect a major road like Macleod Trail to be cleared within 24 hours of the last snowflake, while your own street will likely be taken care of within day 3-7. Parking bans may be called if you live on a Snow Route. They are marked by a blue sign with a white snowflake.

The City clears about half of its 800 kilometres of pathway too. How do we decide what pathway to clear? That is based on a combination of volume, steepness, and the connections that it makes. Pathways are to be cleared within 24 hours of the last snowflake.

Sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owner. They are to be cleared within 24 hours of the last snowflake.

I highly recommend downloading the City's Roads App. It will have all the latest updates on Calgary's roads. [calgary.ca/snow](http://calgary.ca/snow) and [calgary.ca/roadconditions](http://calgary.ca/roadconditions) will have that information too. You can also call 311 and ask.

### Natural Gas Carbon Levy Information

The Province's carbon tax levy is going to be a tough pill to swallow for most of us, but that doesn't mean that you can't be prepared. Budgeting is an extremely important habit to get into, and I am very happy that Enmax is helping people do that. Along with posting general information on their blog ([enmaxonforyou.ca](http://enmaxonforyou.ca)), they have provided customers with individualized estimates of the carbon tax levy. If you haven't already looked over your estimate and the blog, I suggest you do so. There is information there that is likely to save you money.

# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Reporting Street Light Outages

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### Counciltalk

Now I would like to look forward to the upcoming year, because in January my Counciltalk sessions will begin again. I won't go into too much detail because I think many of you already know what they are about. If not, you can learn more at [calgary.ca/counciltalk](http://calgary.ca/counciltalk) and sign up to receive important updates about things like Counciltalk at [calgary.ca/ward14connect](http://calgary.ca/ward14connect).

We will be starting at the Lake Bonavista Community Centre this year. You are welcome to join me in the multi-purpose room on Saturday, January 28 from noon to 2 p.m. I hope you can come!

Thanks for reading. Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday, and joyful New Year!

**TRIVIA GREENERY**

Holly, Ivy and other greenery, such as Mistletoe, were originally used in pre-Christian times to help celebrate the Winter Solstice Festival and ward off evil spirits and to celebrate new growth.



**Willow Park Maple Ridge mybabysitterlist**

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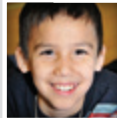


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End unit villa is filled with natural light and offers a walk out basement.

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## Learn About the Future Use of Learning Space at Area V Schools

Join us as we present the proposed changes for the future use of learning space at some Area V schools. Come review this proposal, which was developed from feedback gathered in 2016.

date		January 18, 2017
time		5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
location		Nickle School 2500 Lake Bonavista Drive S.E.

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