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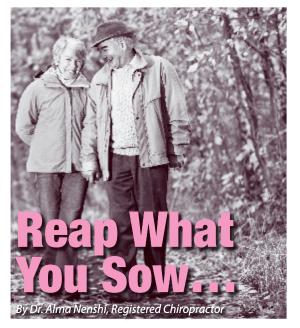
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What is your greatest asset? Is it your wealth, your kids, perhaps your intelligence? There is no greater asset than your health, without which you cannot live your life's full potential, physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

According to the World Health Organization, "Health is 100% function of every cell, tissue, organ and system, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity." Anything less than 100 % function hints an underlying weakness that holds you back from living your life's full potential.

Let's take a moment to appreciate a few of the miracles of life. There are 100 billion nerve signals sending messages throughout your body this very moment! Your heart beats 3000 million beats in an average lifespan, and it's only the size of your fist! You have 100,000 miles of blood vessels in your body and you can hold 1 guadrillion (1 million billion) bits of information in your long-term memory over a lifetime. Ninety percent (90%) of your brain's resources are devoted to ensuring you are able to stand upright to gravity with good posture. You have breathed 24,000 times in the last 24 hours. And finally there are 7,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 0,000 (7 octillion) atoms that make up your adult body, all which started as two tiny cells that joined, multiplied, and differentiated in an organized fashion, creating your life and the wisdom within it to create life again.

You are naturally designed to be healthy, and the innate wisdom within you expresses health and healing through the nervous system as long as there is no interference in the communication pathways. The brain is the most adaptable organ in the human body as it has the ability to change physically and chemically based on experience and what is happening inside and outside the body. Eighty-five percent (85%) of the human genome is concerned with the brain and its development leaving only 15% for the rest of the body including the development of your heart, lungs, digestion etc.

A breakdown in spine flexibility causes a breakdown in brain-body communication, similar to driving in rush hour traffic. Signals want to move through rapidly but they may be slowed, diverted, or even blocked. Arthritis, curvatures, poor posture, unhealthy eating, inactivity, etc., all may produce constant, chronic, low levels of stress on the brain and nerves leading to functional breakdown of the cells they supply. The result may be headaches, blurred vision, neck and shoulder tension, back pain, poor balance, muscle weakness, fatigue, digestive concerns, allergies, bedwetting, learning and attention challenges, vertigo, etc.

Regular chiropractic care clinically clears the traffic jams, alleviating nerve stress and restoring your brain-body communication systems. This results in better posture and frontal lobe activation, the area of the brain that is responsible for human executive functions like learning, planning, reasoning, intelligence, and socialization. According to neurologist and Nobel Prize recipient Dr. Roger Sparry, "90% of ALL Nutrition and Stimulation to the brain comes from movement of the spine!"

So how invested are you in improving your life's greatest asset? You are worthy of enjoying the life of your dreams, it's all in your head just waiting to be nurtured and cultivated. So what's your next step?

Embrace your innate wisdom and appreciate all that your body provides. You are designed to be healthy, strong, and healing by nature. Reflect on your life and have gratitude for the gifts of experiences that have fashioned into this perfect You. Look ahead and visualize your desired future. Now make your vision a priority and resolve to take one action step today to enhance your health and move towards your goal.

After all, you do reap what you sow...

Diversification is Still Important for Retirees

Jason Kruse, Financial Advisor

During your working years, your primary investment goal is generally growth – you need your money to grow so that you can eventually afford the comfortable retirement lifestyle you've envisioned. But when you retire, should you change course and adjust your investment strategy from "offense" to "defense"?

Actually, it's not quite that simple. To begin with, even while you are working, you don't want your portfolio to be completely filled with growth-oriented investments, such as stocks. If it were, you would likely be taking on a degree of investment risk that's too high, because, as you may know, stocks will fluctuate in price – sometimes significantly. And if you only own stocks, you could take a big hit during a market downturn. That's why you need to have an array of investments – stocks, bonds and so on. By spreading your investment dollars this way, you can give yourself more opportunities for success while reducing the impact of volatility on your portfolio. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profits or protect against all losses.)

Now, let's fast-forward to your retirement date. Once you retire, you may need to look at your investment portfolio somewhat differently – instead of "building it up," you may now want to think of "making it last." So, your first impression might be that instead of maintaining the diversified portfolio you had when you were working, you need to switch to predominantly "safe" investments, such as bonds and Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs), to reduce the risk of losing principal.

And such a strategy might indeed be effective – if your retirement were only going to last a year or so. But the chances are reasonably good that you could be retired for two, or possibly even three, decades. If that's the case, then you will have to deal with a threat to your lifestyle that you might not have considered: inflation. We've had low inflation for several years, but that could change in the future. Consider this: Even at a relatively low 3% inflation rate, prices double roughly every 25 years. And depending on your personal needs and spending patterns, your personal inflation rate might be even higher.

To protect yourself against inflation, you will find that investments such as bonds and GICs are typically not much help. In fact, in a low-rate environment, your returns on these investments may not even keep up with inflation, much less keep you ahead of it. That's not to say they have no value – they can provide you with an income stream and help lower your overall investment risk.

But to defend your purchasing power, you will still need some growth potential in your investment portfolio during your retirement years. Your exact percentage of stocks and other growth-oriented investments will depend on a variety of factors – your projected longevity, other sources of income, family situation, risk tolerance and so on. You may want to consult with a financial professional to ensure that your portfolio mix is suitable for your needs.

Many things may change in your life when you retire – but the need for investment diversification is not one of them.

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ALBERTA BEES

If I hadn't gone to hear Lyndon Penner speak and bought his latest book <u>Native Plants for the Short</u> <u>Season Yard</u>, I wouldn't have learned about the Helen Schuler Nature Centre. Because I had read about it I jumped at the chance to drive down to Lethbridge with a friend one day and visit the centre to see its rooftop garden planted with native grasses and flowers. (Actually we were on a mission to source Spudnuts but that's a different story.) We did indeed see the native garden, and it is wonderful, definitely worth the drive. But even better was the display on the main level. This display changes several times a year, at the time of our visit featuring Alberta's native bees. It was fascinating.

Everyone is familiar with Bombus the bumblebee, first to appear in the spring, and Apis mellifera the honeybee, so necessary for crop pollination, not to mention honey production. Gardeners know about the leafcutter bee and some have built boxes for mason bees to keep them in the neighbourhood. There are actually over 800 species of native bees in Canada; our scientists have identified more than 30 species native to Alberta, some of which look so much like flies that you need to look very closely to tell the difference. There are orchard bees and mining bees, sweat bees, carpenter bees and plasterer bees, to name just a few. Some sting, most don't. Most collect nectar and pollen, some are predators. Some, like the early-to-rise bumblebee and many of the smaller native guys, are out and about at the crack of dawn before the honeybee wakes up, and are more cold tolerant, foraging on cool cloudy days while the honevbee waits for the sun. Some bumblebee

species are solitary, while others live in colonies, typically in holes underground. Usually, only the queen survives our harsh winter; the workers die off. Many native bees rely upon the nectar from only a few species of plants you can imagine what happens when those plants are eradicated for commercial development or uniculture (think vast expanses of neatly trimmed grass - totally useless to a bee). Yes, some of them have stingers, but if you behave calmly when working in your garden in the company of bees, there is rarely a problem (unlike wasps, who are constantly in search of trouble and have a more aggressive nature). If you care about the environment and would like to create a bee (and butterfly, incidentally) friendly garden, consider adding some native plants to your space. The list is very long indeed, including asters, blue flax, columbine, bee balm, clematis, honeysuckle, Jacob's ladder and on and on. No doubt you already have some of these in your perennial beds, whether native or hybrid species. Watch what is attracting bees from spring to fall - when you have identified the successful attractors, plant more. The other part of the equation is pesticides - the lack of them. A chemical that will kill a caterpillar or moth will kill a bee. Simple as that. A bee friendly garden is a pesticide free garden.

Seventy percent (70%) of all flowering plants need bees to pollinate so they can reproduce. The Department of Agriculture tells us that one-third of the human diet comes from insect-pollinated plants. Have you ever stood under a tree in bloom in the spring, and thought the whole tree was buzzing? Right. The pollinators are hard at work. Bees are hugely important to our society.

Barbara Shorrock is a member of the Queensland Garden Club, which meets monthly on the first Wednesday at the Queensland Community Centre. All are welcome; it doesn't matter where you live.



TRIVIA

Frankenstein, the famous monster of the iconic story bearing the same title, is actually not named Frankenstein. His maker, Dr. Frankenstein, called him "creature" and "demon".





Pet Pointers

By Dr. Sara E. Wick BSc., MSc. (Zoology), DVM

While most of us humans are pretty excited to get the kids back to school and get back into our normal routines this fall, there may be a member of your family that is less than enthused about the transition. Canine separation anxiety can range in severity from mild anxiety with no destruction to a condition that results in extreme home destruction, soiling and loud vocalization sure to disturb your neighbours.

Separation anxiety can put a lot of strain on the relationship you have with your pet. I have first hand experience with this one and it's challenging! The following are signs of separation anxiety; destructive or anxious behaviour when left alone, hyper-attachment to you or others in the house (your constant shadow), soiling or destruction aimed at the exit of the house, or if there is high pitched vocalization involved (a distress call).

Dogs diagnosed with separation anxiety can be helped with behaviour modification training. Severe cases may require medication to help ramp down the anxiety while training is occurring or even long term. Some simple things you can try at home if your beloved family member misses you a bit too much during the day include the following:

- 1. Discourage hyper-attachment by not always petting your dog when they seek your attention. Make attention on YOUR terms when they aren't seeking it. When hanging out together, try to keep more than a meter between you at times and encourage them to entertain themselves with interactive toys (peanut butter filled Kongs are great for this). It sounds like tough love but it's teaching your pet to be self confident.
- 2. Try to help them relax when you are away by turning on the TV or radio and consider using a pheromone collar or diffuser.
- 3. Try to make your exit less predictable or noticeable. Believe it or not, everything you do before leaving the house is well noted by Fido. From your last sip of coffee, to turning off the lights and picking up your keys, these are all cues that have taught him/her that you are leaving them. Each move escalates that feeling of dread. Solve this problem by doing these random behaviours multiple times a day when you are home, randomly. You can also leave the house, lock the door for a few seconds and then return immediately. Doing this repeatedly and excessively will teach your pup that these cues aren't so import.

Most importantly, chat to your veterinarian if you are battling canine separation anxiety. It helps to have a pro on your side.

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Halloween Safety

The members of Calgary's Halloween *Partners for Safety:* Calgary's Child Magazine, EMS, Calgary Police, Fire, 9-1-1, Bylaw, Transit, and Shaw Communications would like to remind parents and trick-or-treaters of some Halloween safety tips, as October 31st approaches. *Partners for Safety* vehicles will be out patrolling communities on Halloween night to provide a visible safety resource for parents and trick-or-treaters.

Trick-or-Treaters

- Remember: all regular pedestrian rules still apply. Be sure to cross the road at marked crosswalks, or well-lit corners only. It is safest to work your way up one side of the street, and then cross once to the other side.
- Stay away from houses that are not well lit. Do not accept rides from strangers, or enter any home you feel is unsafe.
- Let your parents know where you are going to be at all times (route) and advise them if you will be late returning.

Costumes

- All costume accessories, such as sticks, rods, or wands, should be soft and flexible, with no sharp edges.
- Consider using hypoallergenic make-up kits instead of masks that may impair breathing, or vision.
- Be sure costumes are loose enough to be worn over warm clothing, but not so long that they become a tripping hazard. Costumes should not be longer than your child's ankles.
- Ensure your child is wearing adequate foot wear that takes into consideration weather conditions and walking.
- Consider sending your children with a flashlight for additional safety and increased visibility.
- When purchasing, or making costumes, look for materials and accessories that are labeled flame-resistant.
- Choose bright colored costumes that are highly visible. Adding reflective tape to costumes further increases visibility.

Parents

Be certain that young trick-or-treaters are accompanied by an adult. Older children should stay in groups.
Advise children not to eat anything until they return home. Dispose of any items that appear to have been tampered with, or that are not properly wrapped.
Pre-determine boundaries to trick-or-treat within and establish a firm time to return home.



Writings about Reading

Nourishing a child's mind, body and spirit so they can learn!

Look for the Nourish van in your community! We may be coming to a neighbourhood near you soon. This colourful van will be 'stopping by' and 'popping up' at schools, parks and community events starting—now!

The Nourish van's lively team leads free, fun activities and games – and shares snacks, information, books and more with families and young children. The aim is to help nourish elementary-school-aged children—mind, body and spirit, so they can learn!

Calgary Reads is involved in Nourish, together with Brown Bagging for Calgary Kids, Humanity in Practice (H!P Kids), Kids Up Front and 'NSTEP. Each of the partners already provides a range of services and resources to help Calgary children thrive. Now, through the Nourish collaborative – we will bring fun activities, resources, nutrition, activities, event tickets, volunteering opportunities and books to families and children who might not otherwise have access to these.

We are grateful to community funders who have made the Nourish van possible, including Rotary Club of Calgary, KAYAK Foundation, Calgary Foundation, and Marlborough Ford.

Donations of new and gently-used books for children aged 0 to 8 are always welcome through the Calgary Reads Book Bank and they will be shared through the Nourish van with children who have few or no books of their own at home. Or, if you would like to help the Nourish collaborative in another way, please be in touch to: info@nourishyyc.org

For resources to help your child develop critical literacy skills and the joy of reading, visit calgaryreads.com.

Willow Park



Last 12 Months Willow Park MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
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
November 2015	\$492,444.00	\$482,944.00
October 2015	\$599,450.00	\$590,000.00

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

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

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



Name	Age	Contact	Course
Alissa	16	403-542-6142	Yes
Alysha	12	403-254-8539	Yes
Kaley	16	587-998-2190	Yes
Mackenzie	15	403-452-6992	Yes
Rachael	41	403-701-2647	No

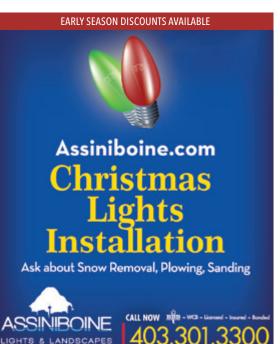
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October at Trico Centre

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.)

Price Freeze

Recession-busting price freeze in effect at Trico Centre on memberships, admissions, and program fees. No increase from September 2015 to April 2017.

Adults

• Register now for adult fitness starting in November: Cardio Kickboxing, Ballet Barre Blast, Cardio Dance, and DANCEPI3Y.

• 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 under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.

• October Wellness Workshops include: Foam Roller Workshop, Mindful Relaxation Intro Workshop, and Straighten Up (free info session followed by a 4-eweek workshop – for youth and adults.)

Older Adults

• Bones and Balance, Chair Yoga, and Balance Builders: Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults: These multiweek registered programs start in November.

• Drop-in Pickleball is offered several times a week. Check out the Drop-In Gym schedule (available on the website or at Guest Services.) Free for members or drop-in fee for non-members.

Families, Children & Youth

All children's programs – from tots to teens – start in November. Swim lessons, skating lessons, dance, gymnastics, sport, and creative classes – lots of new options.
Li'l Spooks Halloween Party, Sunday, October 30 from 4:30 to 7:30pm. Join us for games, activities, and wave pool fun. Members \$15 per family, Non-Members \$20 per family.

• NEW: Get Certified: October certification classes include CPRC/AED original and recert, First Aid/CPR Full original and recert.

• Register now for Mommy & Me Fitness, Mommy & Me Barre, and Mommy/Daddy/Me Aquafit new sessions beginning in November.

 Check out the Drop-In Gym schedule for drop-in gym, Drop-In Playtime, Drop-In Gymnastics, youth drop-in gym, and more. See the Drop-In Arena schedule for lots of cool activities including leisure skate, youth shinny, and stick & puck. Protect Yourself, Immunize Your Pet



In some provinces and states, vaccination of household pets for rabies is mandatory or required by the law. This is not the case in Alberta. There have been eight recent positive rabies cases in bats turned in to Alberta Agriculture and Food to be tested; six in August alone. Locations include Edmonton, Red Deer, Medicine Hat, Airdrie, Canmore/Kananaskis, Ponoka, Camrose and Waterton. In a few of the cases, pets were involved and are now undergoing 45 day and 3 month guarantine periods, and Alberta Health Services deals with the human involvement. In April, 2010, a neutered unvaccinated pet cat died of unknown neurological disease in a veterinary clinic in Cremona. The veterinarian submitted the animal for testing and eight people subsequently received post-exposure treatment for rabies. This cat spent more time indoors with his family than outdoors. In 2007, a man bitten by a bat in Alberta died of rabies.

Cat bylaws in cities that require people to keep cats confined have caused complacency in the general public. Owners who fail to vaccinate, and the increase in carriers such as raccoons, skunks, foxes, coyotes, and bats in urban areas heighten the risk of rabies in cats. I have had bats turned in to my clinic after owners found them in their house, likely having flown through an open patio door. A bat positive for rabies was discovered in Calgary's downtown area a few years ago.... bats fly, they can reach apartments. There are over 55,000 human deaths attributed to rabies each year, mainly in Africa and Asia.

Rabies is a contagious and fatal viral disease attacking the central nervous system. It can be passed to all warm-blooded animals through the saliva, primarily through bites, but a scratch is sufficient. Symptoms of rabies can be variable ranging from the "dumb" form where the animal appears depressed and isolates itself and the "furious" form associated with aggressive behaviour. Any abnormal behaviour should be considered suspicious. An animal's voice will frequently change as the vocal cords become paralyzed and seizures may occur. Rabies can only be diagnosed with certainty by testing an animal's brain tissue. Cats and dogs usually die within ten days of symptoms appearing. Symptoms may not begin, however, for days or months depending on the severity and location of the wound.

Rabies is a reportable disease; it is the law to inform authorities of suspected cases. People bitten by wildlife or any animal with an unknown vaccine status should report the bite by calling Health Link. If there is potential human exposure to the animal suspect, euthanasia may be recommended so the brain tissue can be tested. There is no treatment available to pets that contract rabies.

Consider vaccination of a pet as an investment into your health as well as your pet's. The decision to vaccinate your pet is yours to make in Alberta, but I do not know a health professional who would discourage the choice to vaccinate your pet against rabies.





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	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
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
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November 2015	\$460,000.00	\$434,000.00
October 2015	\$539,700.00	\$542,250.00

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

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	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold			
September 2016	6	2			
August 2016	3	0			
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	3	1			
	3	4			
March 2016	5	3			
February 2016	5	3			
January 2016	0	2			
December 2015	2	2			
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October 2015	2	6			

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



Happy October!

It's hard to believe but Halloween is just around the corner! Soon the streets will be flooded with little ghouls and goblins looking to fill bags full of sweet treats. Halloween is a great opportunity to meet your neighbours, admire some creative costumes and, of course, enjoy the occasional mini chocolate bar!

While Halloween is a fun time for people, it can be a scary time for pets! The strange visitors, ringing doorbell and unusual costumes may cause stress or even frighten a family pet. Just as families must take safety precautions to ensure a safe and happy Halloween for children, pet owners should be mindful of safety during the festivities. To make sure Halloween is fun for the whole family, Calgary Humane Society wants to remind you of a few safety tips for your pets!

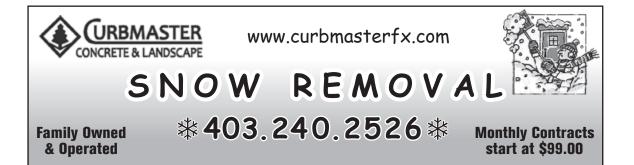
- 1. Keep candy out of reach of pets! Chocolate, artificial sweeteners and certain types of nuts are toxic to animals.
- 2. Set up a safe space! Setting up a room with your pet's favorite items in a quiet area of the house will help to block out some of the stressful aspects of the holiday.
- 3. Leave Fido at home. Including the family pet on trick or treating may seem like fun, but strange costumes and fast moving children could cause your pooch a

Halloween hazards! Keeping your Pet Safe

lot of stress.

- 4. Put a sign on the door asking trick or treaters to knock, especially if your pet reacts to the doorbell!
- 5. Be cautious with your costume, especially if your pet is easily frightened. Consider setting your pet up in a safe space before getting changed into your festive duds.
- 6. If your pet is dressing up, choose a costume that does not restrict your pet's airway or movement. Keep dress-up sessions short and watch for signs that your pet is becoming annoyed with their costume. Most pets do not like costumes so if you must dress up your pet, consider snapping a few photos and removing the costume right away.
- 7. Do not allow your cats to roam. A popular myth is that cats can fall victim to foul play on Halloween. While we have not seen that occur in Calgary, roaming cats can fall victim to the increased traffic or may become lost if they are frightened by all the little ghouls and goblins collecting candy.
- 8. Looking for more tools to help a stressed out pet at Halloween? Contact our FREE behaviour helpline at 403-723-6019 to speak to one of our behaviour consultants about different products and strategies that may work for your pet.

From all of us at Calgary Humane Society, have a safe and happy Halloween!



NOVEMBER 5 ROTHNEY ASTROPHYSICAL OBSERVATORY

Dark Night Star Light Open House: A discussion on light pollution and a tour of the many telescopes at the RAO. 8 – 11PM, \$20 per car or \$10 per person. www.ucalgary.ca/rao 

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 31 SLIPPER

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NOVEMBER 26 COL. CHRIS HADFIELD

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October 2016 - January 2017, Glenbow Museum presents: 1920s Modernism in Montreal: The Beaver Hall Group painted many portraits that convey the quest for modernism; these works rank among the most remarkable in the history of Canadian art. www.glenbow.org

November 5, Calgary Hitmen vs. Swift Current Broncos: The puck drops at 7:00PM at the Scotiabank Saddledome. www.hitmenhockey.com

November 16, Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker: For one night only, the Moscow Ballet performs this seasonal classic. Get into the Christmas spirit and watch the story of Klara and the Nutcracker Prince come to life on the stage. www.artscommons.ca

November 17 – 20, Art Market Art and Craft Show: Get a head start on your Christmas shopping at one of Calgary's biggest Christmas arts and crafts markets. Over four days, more than 200 Canadian artisans and makers showcase and sell their work. www.artmarketcraftsale.com

November 22, 6th Annual Why Whisper Fundraising Gala: Proceeds support the YWCA, and to date, this fundraising event has raised more than \$2 million. This year, the keynote speaker at the YWCA's fundraising event is Monica Lewinsky. www.ywcaofcalgary.com

November 25, Calgary Philharmonic presents, Neil Cockburn, Organ Masterpieces: Made of 6040 impressive pipes, the Carthy Organ is the grand and imposing centerpiece of the Jack Singer Concert Hall. Calgary-based Cockburn's talents will make the organ sing during this one night only performance. www. calgaryphil.com

November 25 – December 23, Disney's Beauty and the Beast: The Story Book Theatre brings this beloved fairytale, adapted from the animated Disney film, to the stage in all its splendour to delight Calgarian audiences. Featuring all the beloved songs from the movie and beautiful costumes, this one's not to be missed. www. storybooktheatre.org

IN & AROUND Schools

Mapleridge Cooperative Preschool

Another school year is underway and we are excited to see so many new and returning students. September was a busy month as students got acquainted with each other, rekindled friendships and learned about preschool routines.

Mrs. Killam and Mrs. Marshall have lots of exciting things planned for October at Mapleridge Preschool. Students will be learning about autumn and the traditions of Thanksgiving. They will make creative art projects and study the beautiful trees just outside their classroom door. Class pictures will be held on October 4, and the children will be going to some fall fun at the Calgary Corn Maze and Kayben Farms for some pumpkin decorating! October wraps up with spook-tacular Halloween parties for all three classes!



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Hi friends and neighbours,

October brings pumpkins, leaves and cozy sweaters and on October 1, we see a number of changes to Alberta's minimum wages. Starting October 1, the minimum wage increases to \$12.20 per hour and the liquor serve rate has been eliminated. Approximately, 59,000 Albertans (2015/16 statistics) and that 61 percent of minimum-wage earners are female and 43 per cent are full-time workers, this is a step towards enhancing the lives of lower earning Albertans.

Please join me at one of our two Open Houses. We will be opening our doors on October 12, 2016 from 5:30pm-7:30pm and on Saturday November 26, 2016 from 2:00pm -4:00pm in our office at #10, 8318 Fairmount Drive SE. Stop by for a coffee and chat.

As always, 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, by phoning 403-640-1363 or visiting #10, 8318 Fairmount Dr SE. We are open Mondays 10-3 and Tuesday – Friday 10-4.



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Greetings Ward 14!

Thank you to those who attended my Ward 14 Communities BBQ! It was a great time! Don't worry if you couldn't make it. There will be another chance next year—although it will look slightly different because of the upcoming election. I will speak more about that next month.

I do want to remind you that I send email notifications about events like my BBQ, Counciltalk, and other important information relating to municipal government. To receive them you must sign up at calgary.ca/ ward14connect. I encourage you to do so.

Free Leaf and Pumpkin Drop-off

We are undeniably in autumn now, and the remains of summer are likely lying on your lawn waiting to be raked and bagged. My October column is the perfect opportunity to remind you of a great program we have at the City: the Leaf and Pumpkin Composting Program. It is currently underway, and runs until November 6. Bring your bagged leaves and pumpkins to one of our 35 drop-off locations around the city. By composting this material it stays out of the landfill, reduces harmful greenhouse gas emissions and helps turn the leaves and pumpkins into useful compost. We recommend using paper yard waste bags as they can be composted with the rest of the material. No sod or rocks please.

For a full list of Leaf & Pumpkin drop-off locations, please visit calgary.ca/leaf.

Check your smoke detectors

Now I want to make what you might call a public service announcement. Did you know that your smoke detector needs to be replaced every ten years? You should be replacing its batteries every year at least, and checking that it works every month.

October 9th to 15th is Fire Prevention Week. It may be the perfect opportunity to learn what you can do to protect your home and your family. There is a lot of great information about that and more at calgary.ca/fire.

Being prepared for snow

We didn't get much snow last winter, but if I have learned anything from this spring and summer, it is probably best to be prepared for anything. That is why I'm getting an early start on my usual snow clearing reminder this year.

Not much has changed. The City still aims to have all roads in drivable shape within seven days. Crews work on a priority basis. If necessary, the snow on your street will be packed down, and ruts will be removed anywhere between three and seven days after the end of the snowfall.

There are many ways to stay informed during a snowfall event. You can follow @yyctransport on twitter, download the City of Calgary Roads App, or visit calgary.ca/ roadconditions for current road conditions and progress. There is much more information about snow and ice control on calgary.ca/snow too.

One last thing: please pay attention to snow parking bans, and any other signage. Doing so will help everything get done as quickly and painlessly as possible.

That's it for October! Have a great month, and remember you can contact me anytime.



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