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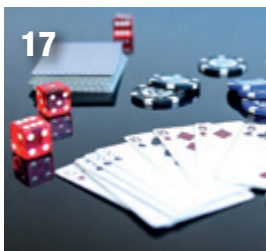
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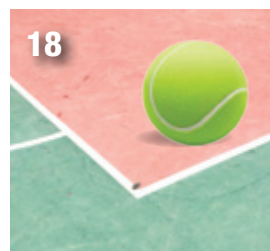
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



For those of you who missed our Annual Meeting held on March 20, we approved our annual statements, amended our Bylaws and elected our directors for the next year. Our Bylaws were amended to change our annual membership to a rolling 12 months, increase the age of a senior from 55 to 65, and approve a small (\$5) increase in annual member dues.

With our building nearing completion, we are starting to look at filling our great new space. With lots of natural light, air conditioning, 2 halls (the main one with a sprung wood floor) and a boardroom, our new building should be a great space to host programs and services.

We are reaching out to our former tenants and are actively looking for new long term tenants who are interested in servicing our 7,000 community residents. We are keen on expanding the variety of offerings to our residents of all ages, so if you have an activity or business which needs some great new space for your users, please give us a call at 403 271-8044 or email us at [info@mywillowridge.ca](mailto:info@mywillowridge.ca)

I would like to take some of my allotted space in the newsletter to express some thanks. There are many people who volunteer to help out at our various community events (including of course the upcoming casino) but each year there are some people who put their name forward to take on a few more responsibilities.

Wes Bot, Libby Britton and Marlene Mann stepped down as Funding Director, Secretary, and Director at Large, after each having contributed years of volunteer service. Wes joined the Board in 2012, had a stint

as Treasurer, and in the past year was extremely helpful in sourcing our \$1,000,000 federal construction grant, putting in many hours of effort in drafting (and redrafting!) our successful application. Libby joined the Board in 2016, having served as Secretary for the last 3 years. Unfortunately Libby is moving out of the community, so we now have a vacant Secretary position. If you have some time to spare, can commit to attending our monthly meetings, and have some interest in keeping us organized, do I have the perfect job for you! Marlene Mann joined the Board in 2017 and has helped us with a number of documentation and strategy initiatives, and we hope to see her back on the Board someday!

Jennifer Kostiuik would like some help as she looks to transition from her Membership Director role. Jennifer has spent two hardworking years rebuilding our Membership offering, establishing some much-needed Membership policies and getting our Membership Drive off the ground after a long hiatus. If you would like to get involved in helping to build our Membership base and have a ready-built platform to jump into, do I have the perfect job for you!

A number of directors have agreed to continue on the Board, and their input, interest, time and desire to stay involved is much appreciated.

As we move forward through the calendar year, I look forward to hearing from you about what in our community interests you and what our staff and we as a board can do to continue to make Willow Ridge the community of choice.

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## BUILDING UPDATE



We are so close.....

Hi everyone! By the time you read this, the work of our contractor, Scott Builders, will be winding down and we'll be running through our "punch list" of open items to be completed before we take possession of our new and improved community centre. Our target date to be in our centre is May 31st, 2019. So far, so good.

As you drive by, you'll have noticed the new steel siding going up that has helped the existing centre and new hall to look like a unified building. Crews have been working extra hours to take advantage of the return of spring to complete the roofing. Less visible to the eye has been the installation and preparation of our rooftop heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) units. ATCO Gas has completed its installation of a new meter and supply. We are now on a day-by-day notice waiting for our Enmax transformer and vault.

Inside, drywall is done, a first coat of painting / priming is done and preparation is underway to install our rubber-mount suspension floor in the new hall. Our common area for coffee and catering is coming into shape. The planking that will be throughout all rooms in the facility will be the last thing to be installed, to prevent scratches and damage from heavy equipment. There is a real impression of light and space throughout.

Once we have "permanent" power, lots of final activities become possible. We can install telephone / internet service and we can get our fire alarm panel tested so that our Fire Department permit can be approved. We can also start working on installing security cameras and our internet routers throughout the building. The final step is "Building Occupancy" which requires that all final City of Calgary inspections be completed, all safety items addressed and all items on the Building Permit completed. Then we can get Karon and Lydia moved in, the coffee can be turned on and we can start showing the place off!

Even after we take possession, we'll still have some dirt to contend with. The landscaping can't be completed until the construction crews have packed up their gear and the soil has dried out (though it's pretty dry now). The new planters will be planted with shrubs and the driveway will be paved. But compared with where we were last fall, those things seem like they are just around the corner.

*Gord Paynter, Building Committee  
Vp@mywillowridge.ca*







## Garden Plot Registration Closes May 10!

Meet your neighbours while you grow organic vegetables, herbs and flowers in one of Calgary's best Community Gardens!

We have a limited number of raised beds available for the 2019 gardening season. A small rental fee and some volunteer hours are required. Gardeners must have a current membership to the Willow Ridge Community Association.

For more information and to register go to [mywillowridge.ca/community-garden](http://mywillowridge.ca/community-garden)



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*Article submitted by the office of Jason Kruse*

As you work toward achieving your goals in life, you will need to make moves that contain financial, tax and legal elements, so you may want to get some help – from more than one source.

Specifically, you might want to put together a team comprised of your financial advisor, your lawyer and other tax professionals. Together, this team can help you with many types of financial/tax/legal connections.

For starters, you may decide, possibly upon the recommendation of your financial advisor, to sell some investments and use the proceeds to buy others that may now be more appropriate for your needs. If you sell some investments you may realize a capital gain or capital loss on the sale. If you realize a capital gain, there may be taxes owing when you file your tax return.

On the other hand, if you sell an investment and realize a capital loss, you may be able to apply the loss to offset gains realized by selling other, more profitable investments and also potentially apply any unused losses against gains realized in the prior three years or a future year. As you can see, the questions potentially raised by investment sales – “Should I sell?” “If so, when?” and “If I take some losses, how much will they benefit me at tax time?” – may also be of importance to your tax advisor, who will need to account for sales in your overall tax picture. It’s a good idea for your tax and financial advisors to communicate about any investment sales you make.

Your financial advisor can also help you choose the investment or insurance vehicles that can fund an estate-planning arrangement, such as an irrevocable living trust. But to establish that trust in the first place, and to make sure it conforms to all applicable laws, you will want to work with a lawyer experienced in planning estates. Your tax professional may also need to be brought in. Again, communication between your various advisors is essential.

These are but a few of the instances in which your financial, tax and legal professionals should talk to each other. Do what you can to open these lines of communication you will be one who ultimately benefits from this teamwork.

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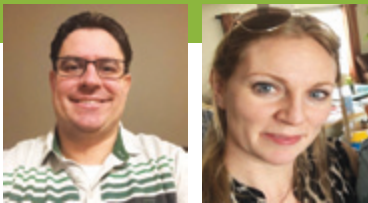
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## WillowRidge Pickleball 2019

The WillowRidge Community Association (WRCA) would like to welcome everyone back to another Pickleball season. Our courts are located at: 680 Acadia Dr. S.E. (Southeast of the intersection of Willow Park Dr. & Acadia Dr. S.E.)

Our Goal this year is to have the court surfaces open mid-April or sooner, this is very dependent on Mother nature's cooperation. Please watch for updates regarding court openings dates on our web sites <http://mywillowridge.ca> or outdoor street signs.

During our WRCA Annual General Meeting in March some amendments were passed on our community association by-laws which directly affect our pricing re-

garding this pickle ball season. The changes come into effect starting April 1,2019. The designated senior age classification for memberships was increased to a person of 65 years of age or older. Memberships will now be issued for 1 year from the date you purchase.

Community membership categories are as follows:

1. Adult individual, \$25
2. Family (2 adults & children under 18) \$35
3. Senior Family, \$20

Designated Pickleball Play Times Ages 16+ (Weather Permitting):

Monday Evenings 4pm-7pm

Wednesday Mornings 9:00am-12pm

Saturday Mornings 9:00am-12:pm

\*All OTHER court times will be treated on a first come first serve basis for any member that has paid their court fee for the season\*

### Registration Details:

A WRCA Community Membership is required, along with a Family \$50.00 + GST Court Fee or a Singles \$35.00 + GST Court Fee. If you would rather play drop-in, it's a \$5.00 per session. Court play times will be divided up bases on skill levels. We are also looking into running Pickleball clinics this season to assist those new to the game and help our veteran players bring their skills to the next level.

Our office staff is happy to accept fee payment, in person or over the phone Monday to Friday (1:00-5:00 pm). Once fees are paid, you will be given shoe tags and this year's court access code.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact our WRCA Pickleball coordinator Terry Bressanutti via email at [pickleball@mywillowridge.ca](mailto:pickleball@mywillowridge.ca) or Eric Festa WRCA Sports Director @ [sports@mywillowridge.ca](mailto:sports@mywillowridge.ca).

\*Please note only one court fee is required per season and is valid for both Pickleball and Tennis\*

Community Association Temporary Office is located in Willow Park Village in the space where 'Stephanie's Kids' used to reside (580 10816 Macleod Trail South, Phone 403-271-8044).

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## Celebrate with your neighbours on June 15: Neighbour Day 2019

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celebrate Calgary's strong community spirit. This year Neighbour Day falls on Saturday, June 15.

The City is once again waiving its greenspace booking fees for approved Neighbour Day events taking place on June 15. As of January 1, 2019, The City has waived fees for block party permits. Please note that the deadline to apply for these permits is May 24, 2019.

The City welcomes all Calgarians to celebrate and encourages as many people as possible to host local community events. has evolved to be an opportunity for communities across the city to come together in the form of BBQs, block parties, cleanups and potlucks in order to meet their neighbours and celebrate where they live

Neighbour Day originated in 2014 to celebrate the incredible outpouring of support and generosity neighbours demonstrated after the 2013 floods. It has evolved into an annual celebration of what makes Calgary such a great city – our strong and caring communities. Neighbour Day continues to grow each year.

Visit [calgary.ca/NeighbourDay](http://calgary.ca/NeighbourDay) for more information.

We look forward to seeing your Neighbour Day photos in upcoming Community Newsletters!

Colleen Gnyp, Communications Director  
[comm@mywillowridge.ca](mailto:comm@mywillowridge.ca)



## FF THE MENU

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## RENT OUR SPACE!

The newly renovated and expanded Willow Ridge Community Centre is located at 680 Acadia Drive SE and is 100% accessible with ramp access. We are actively looking for long term tenants for our Community Centre, with a healthy mix of activities for all ages to offer our 7000 community residents. We are also seeking short term event/rentals with discounted rates offered to our community Members.

We can accommodate a wide range of guests for activities or functions like wedding receptions, birthday parties, baby showers, workshops/seminars, art shows, fitness classes and more!

Located outside the Centre are two private parking lots, plenty of street parking, sport court and pickleball/tennis courts, lacrosse box/hockey rink and a large green space which we use for our WRC House Soccer League, which is then transformed into a magical skating rink in the winter months.

Our newly renovated, air-conditioned building has the following spaces available for use or rent!

- New 1800 ft<sup>2</sup> main hall (135 dining/ 200 seated), with a wood sprung floor. Perfect for high impact activities!
- Renovated 1100 ft<sup>2</sup> south hall (60 dining/ 125 seated), with large windows to allow for natural light, additional lighting, and a divider/storage area.

North Hall



- 530 ft<sup>2</sup> dedicated meeting room/board room (20 people)
- Lower floor 300 ft<sup>2</sup> activity room (bookable for Community members)

The Community Centre has the following features:

- Upstairs gathering/seating area.
- Additional large windows to allow for more natural light as well as additional lighting throughout.
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BOARDROOM	\$30/hr	\$40/hr	\$500.00	\$250	\$100
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We meet on Wednesday mornings from 09:00 to 11:00. Our current session started Wednesday, April 3rd and will end June 19th. Registration is preferred, but drop in is available, babysitting supplied. Please contact Lori at McDougall United Church 403-252-1620.

McDougall United Church, 8516 Athabasca Street S.E.

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## SCHOOL SHOUT-OUTS

### Willow Park Preschool Reopens for 2019

Operating since 1981, Willow Park Preschool is a non-profit parent run cooperative that offers quality and affordable preschool programming for children aged 3 to 5. As a play-based preschool, our goal is to provide an atmosphere that encourages the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth of a child. Willow Park Preschool operates out of the Willowridge Community Centre at 680 Acadia Drive and, due to extensive renovations to the building, was unable to open for the 2018/2019 school year. Now that the renovations are nearing completion, we are excited to announce our return in September of 2019! Please visit our website ([willowparkpreschool.com](http://willowparkpreschool.com)), call (403-452-9107) or email ([willowparkpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:willowparkpreschool@gmail.com)) for the latest news and instructions on how to register your child. Exciting things are planned for our preschool in our newly renovated space and we are thrilled to be returning as a quality option for local families.

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## Types of Membership

There is sure to be a membership type to fit your circumstance! Whether you're a "Resident" living within the Willow Park or Maple Ridge communities, an "Associate" living outside these two communities who wishes to participate in WRCA programs (e.g. soccer) or use the WRCA facilities, or a local "Business" that wishes to be promoted,

the broader Willow Ridge community benefits from your involvement.

Please note, the WRCA requires memberships for the participation and/or attendance in a number of events and programs. If you are unsure, ask when registering or attending an event. Membership fees are non-refundable.

## How-to Buy a Membership

Purchase your annual membership online or in-person at the Willow Ridge Community Association office.

- Online at [www.mywillowridge.ca/about/memberships](http://www.mywillowridge.ca/about/memberships)
- In-person at the temporary office located in Willow Park Village, Suite 102 - 10816 Macleod Trail SE. Forms of payment include MasterCard, Visa, Debit, or cheque (made payable to the Willow Ridge Community Association). We look forward to having you join us!

Membership Type:  Resident-Individual \$25  Resident-Family \$35  Resident-Senior \$20  
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YES, contact me about volunteer opportunities

YES, add me to the email list for community e-newsletters (can unsubscribe at any time)

For more membership information, please contact:

Jennifer Kostiuik, Membership Director

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LET'S GO

# CASINO



## Call for Casino Night Volunteers on June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>!

Please support your local community by volunteering at our annual Casino Night. This is the single best way to help raise funds used by your Willow Ridge Community Association around our community! We fundraise approximately \$200 for each volunteer hour – that's a great ROI! No experience is necessary as "on the job" training is provided. You will be a part of a team of WRCA volunteers working both day and night shifts on either Wednesday June 12 or Thursday June 13 at the Cash Casino on Blackfoot Trail. We have been told that it has an excellent volunteer lounge, food, and refreshments for us to enjoy during our shifts.

WRCA is required to fill 38 volunteer positions for this important fundraising event. Come work a shift and have fun with your neighbors while giving back to your community!

To sign up for a specific shift go to: <https://signup.com/go/WNOyurH>

To get more information, please contact our Casino Director Peter Gibson at [casino@mywillowridge.ca](mailto:casino@mywillowridge.ca)

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### Designated Pickleball Play Times Ages 16+ (Weather Permitting):

- Monday Evenings 4pm-7pm
- Wednesday Mornings 9am-12pm
- Saturday Mornings 9am-12pm



### Registration Details:

- All Pickleball/Tennis Members must also have a WRCA membership, along with a Family \$50.00 + GST Court Fee or a Singles \$35.00 + GST Court Fee. If you would rather play drop-in, it's a \$5.00 per session fee with a valid association membership.
- Our office staff is happy to accept fee payment, in person or over the phone Monday to Friday (1:00-5:00 pm). Once fees are paid, you will be given shoe tags and this year's court access code.
- Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact our WRCA Sports Directors Megan and Eric Festa at [sports@mywillowridge.ca](mailto:sports@mywillowridge.ca) or WRCA Pickleball coordinators Terry Bressanutti via email at [pickleball@mywillowridge.ca](mailto:pickleball@mywillowridge.ca)

\*Please note only one court fee is required per season and is valid for both Pickleball and Tennis\*



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**The 100<sup>th</sup> Rangers will be holding a bottle drive on Saturday MAY 25, 2019 from 9am until 3pm**

in the areas of Willow Park & Maple Ridge  
Please leave bottles on your door step by 9am

*Thank you for supporting Girl Guides in our community!*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WILLOW RIDGE



**Early May (weather-dependent)**  
Community Garden Opens

**June 1 - Annual Garage Sale (Big Tent)**  
Christ Moravian Church Parking Lot

**June 12/13 WRCA Casino at Cash Casino**  
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**June 15 (Saturday) - Calgary Neighbour Day**  
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# Water Bill Improvements

You told us you wanted your bill to be simple and clear. We worked with you to make it easier to see what you pay for and how it is calculated.

## Watch for your new and improved municipal services bill

Delivering safe and reliable drinking water, treating wastewater, providing flood protection, maintaining a system of pipes, plants and pumps, and providing waste and recycling services for a city of 1.2 million is complex.

Reading your bill shouldn't be.

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## What's new?

Coming in 2019, the format of your bill will make it easier to see the municipal services you pay for, how your charges are calculated and where your money goes.

- Highlights of what you'll see on your new and improved bill:
- Clarifies the services are provided by The City of Calgary
- Includes service descriptions with easy to reference icons to show what you pay for
- Shows wastewater charge as percentage of water usage and why
- Separates wastewater and stormwater services to rein-



## How to read your water utility bill

Your utility statement from The City of Calgary shows how much water your home uses every month. Your bill is a great tool to help you reduce water consumption, address leaks in your home and save money.

When you receive your statement, it shows what the meter reading was and whether it was an actual reading or an estimate. If you have received an estimate and would like to submit a reading, please contact ENMAX at 403-310-2010. You can do so online at [www.enmax.com](http://www.enmax.com)

- Name** of the account holder and the service address for this bill.
- Water Treatment and Supply** charges pay for the treatment and delivery of the water used in your home. Usage is measured and recorded by your water meter.
- Days Billed** is the number of days for which you're being billed. This can vary as meters aren't always read on the same day each month.
- Meter #** corresponds with the number on your meter.
- Previous and Present Reading and Dates** shows the dates and the reading for previous and current months.
- Read Type** notes if your meter was read or estimated based on past usage.
- Use (m<sup>3</sup>)** is your total water usage measured in cubic meters (m<sup>3</sup>). 1 m<sup>3</sup> is equal to 1,000 litres or 10 bathtubs of water.
- Water Charge** is based on your total water usage recorded by your meter. Pays for drawing water from the river, treating and delivering it to your home/business.
- Water Service Charge** is a fixed charge that pays for services including meter reading, billing, meter repairs and fire protection.



For any water billing inquiries and customer service, contact ENMAX at 403-310-2010 or visit [www.enmax.com](http://www.enmax.com)

- force they are separate services (formerly shown under one heading "wastewater and drainage")
- Identifies clearly if the water usage is based on actual meter read or an estimate
- Uses an easier-to-read font

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**10** Graph is provided to help you monitor water usage month over month. The average Calgarian uses 7m<sup>3</sup> of water every month.

**11** Wastewater Collection and Treatment pays for collecting and safely treating the water you produce from flushing toilets, draining sinks and bathtubs, and then returning it to our rivers.

**12** Wastewater Charge is for treating the wastewater before it is pumped back into the river. This number is a percentage of your total water usage.

**13** Wastewater Service Charge is a fixed charge that pays for the infrastructure to collect wastewater from your home and deliver it to the treatment plants, and for billing.

**14** Stormwater Management pays for the costs to ensure reliable street drainage, flood protection and river health.

**15** Stormwater Service Charge is a fixed charge that pays for collecting and managing water from rain or snow/ice melt and the infrastructure to move it to the nearest river or creek.

**16** The City of Calgary Message Centre provides helpful information, from tips on saving water to ways you can help protect our rivers.

# Water Bill Improvements

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Every business, organization and home in Calgary depends on water, and waste and recycling services. Your water rates and service charges make it possible for The City to deliver high quality drinking water, treat our wastewater safely and protect the river – our source of drinking water. Your waste and recycling program charges pay for collecting and processing recycling, garbage, and food and yard waste. Together we make life better every day.

We encourage you to review your bill on a monthly basis. Be sure to check the message centre on the bill for timely information. For more information on rates and reading your bill, visit [calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca).



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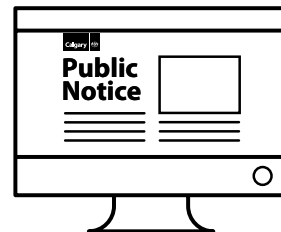
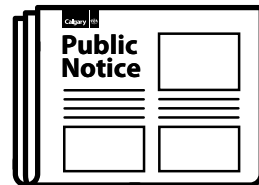
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**“ Cat got your tongue? ”**



**Meaning:** A question posed when someone is silent in response to a previous question or statement.

**Origin:** The origin is unknown. Some theories of its origin are that it stems from fear of witches and their black cats, the name of a whip called cat-o'-nine tails, or the fable that ancient kings would cut off the tongues of liars and feed them to their cats. None of these theories are substantiated, however.



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## Straight from the Unicorn's Mouth: An Overview of Unicorn Mythological History

by Alexa Takayama

This month, I decided to look at unicorns because they just feel spring-y. My research taught me two things: unicorns are one of the oldest depicted mythological creatures, and Europeans liked to write descriptions of rhinoceroses, but no one ever bothered to draw pictures to go with them. Which makes the journey of how we got from rhinoceros to glittering white, horned horses a bit of a disjointed mess. I'll do my best.

Let's get some unicorn basics out of the way: as we understand them today, unicorns are white horse-like creatures with a long, pointed horn protruding from their foreheads, sometimes with cloven hooves or a lion-like tail. Unicorns are untameable, strong, proud and haughty, and would rather die than be captured. They can only be calmed and captured by a virgin. Their horns are made out of a substance called *alicorn* which is believed to have magical medicinal properties, such as being able to nullify poisons and cure diseases. Some "official" measurements state a unicorn's horn is between 1 cubit and 1.5 cubits (roughly 50 to 70 cm). You know unicorns are old when we're measuring things in cubits!

We also need to talk about the *monoceros*, which was a creature that was conceptually related to the unicorn but was not a unicorn. At the same time, the term *monoceros* was used interchangeably with the term unicorn. (Which doesn't complicate things at all.) And like the unicorn, a lot of descriptions of them seem to bear a closer resemblance to rhinoceroses.

Let's talk about some of those descriptions, shall we? The oldest recorded writing describing a unicorn was in India, written by Greek physician and historian Ctesias the

Cnidian. He described them like "wild asses" (probably specifically the *onegar*, an Asiatic animal closely resembling a donkey) with a horn that is red, white, and black. In his book, *Natural History*, Pliny the Elder described a *monoceros* having the head of a stag, body like a horse's, the feet of an elephant, and the tail of a boar. He also said it made a deep bellowing noise and has a black horn. There is record that Marco Polo claimed to have seen a unicorn, saying they are smaller than elephants with heads like a wild boar, feet like an elephant's, rough hair like a buffalo, and a big black horn. He described them wallowing in mud and called them ugly. (Rude.) He also expressed disappointment that they were nothing like the way Europeans imagined them.

Every instance just seems to me as someone trying to describe a rhinoceros, but after the world's oldest game of telephone, we somehow ended up with our modern rendition of the unicorn.

But let's not forget about the virgins! What's up with that? Well, in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, a book called *Physiologus* had an elaborate allegory about a unicorn, which represented the Incarnation of Christ, laying its head on the lap of a maiden, which represented the Virgin Mary. It seems from here that the idea that a unicorn can only be captured by a virgin originates from. From there, there have been many pieces of both religious and secular art showing the hunt of the unicorn. It is sometimes depicted wearing a collar with a broken chain. The unicorn is very popular in heraldry as well.

Now you have a brief overview of unicorns. There's a lot I didn't get to cover, so stay tuned for next month's article where I'll talk specifically about the unicorn's horn.

# Coexisting with Bobcats

by Lisa Dahlseide B.Sc.



With a bobbed tail, Bobcats are small compared to other wild cats. They weigh in around 20lbs. Their front striped legs meet large webbed paws. Whiskers cross a black barred snout with signature black ear tufts. They are strict carnivores hunting small mammals, insects and birds. Little evidence suggests they eat substantial amounts of domestic pets.

If you do not want Bobcats around your property, eliminate shelter options. Areas under your deck or shed provide a good hiding place for Bobcats and prey, remove access to the attractive accommodation. Brush or piles of rubbish encourage small mammal presence inviting predators in for a meal. Feed your pets indoors and remove bird feeders. However, some welcome the guests.

Bobcats are crepuscular, meaning active at twilight. This behaviour changes seasonally with prey activity increasing in colder months to the day. In urban environments Bobcats often lean towards a nocturnal lifestyle to avoid human interaction.

Bobcats have an average territory ranging up to 5 km<sup>2</sup>. Territorial size fluctuates among individuals depending on prey abundance, mates and denning habitat. Home

ranges are also influenced by population densities with smaller territories where there are more Bobcats.

Given their wide range and localized healthy populations, they are not endangered, however they are extirpated, or locally extinct, in many areas across North America. Trapping has led to their disappearance. Here in Alberta, it is prohibited to rehabilitate orphaned or injured bobcats, Fish and Wildlife leave orphaned kittens to starve to death allowing "nature to take its course" with the mother-dependent milk-drinking mammals rarely orphaned from natural circumstances. Bobcats are successfully rehabilitated and released in other jurisdictions.

We are so fortunate to share our community with Bobcats. They have chosen to coexist with us. Bobcats benefit our urban environment bringing balance to our partially paved ecosystem.

*Lisa Dahlseide is a Conservation Biologist living in Bowness whose focus is on Wildlife Biology. She volunteers at the Cochrane Ecological Institute as the Director of Education teaching about the importance of Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release and she works for the Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society teaching environmental education programs and monitoring the impacts of the SW Calgary Ring Road on wildlife and water.*

## Window & Balcony Safety

With the return of warmer weather, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and caregivers of an often-overlooked hazard in the home – access to open windows. Every year, paramedics respond to emergencies where a child has fallen from an open window, often from the second floor. These can be avoided by following safety measures. Take the time to assess potential hazards in your home before a preventable fall occurs.

### Windows and Screens

- Prevent access to windows by moving furniture such as cribs, beds, stools, and change tables out from under them;
- Keep drapery cords out of childrens' reach. Wrap excess cord around cleats, or tie-downs to avoid a choking hazard;
- Remember, screens are not safety devices. They are designed to keep bugs out, not children in.

### Balconies

- Do not underestimate a child's ability to climb. Furniture and other items stored on balconies and decks can be used to climb resulting in falls over the railing;
- Ensure that your balcony railings are not more than 10 cm (4 inch) apart. This will eliminate access between the vertical bars of a balcony, or deck.

### Further Prevention Tips

- Toddlers & preschoolers are at highest risk of falling from a window, or balcony, but it may happen at any age;
- Direct supervision of children is the single most effective way to prevent falls from windows and balconies;
- Install safety devices which limit the distance in which a window can be open to a maximum of 10cm (4 inches);
- Ensure the safety device can be released quickly, so the window can be used for escape in case of emergency.
- Consider purchasing a portable air conditioner, which will enable windows to stay closed & secure.

*EMS is proud to be a member of the Partners Promoting Window and Balcony Safety. Take time to assess your home for window and balcony hazards and eliminate the risks before a preventable fall occurs. [www.windowssafety.ca](http://www.windowssafety.ca)*

# Willow/Ridge



## Real Estate Update

### Last 12 Months Willow Park MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
March 2019	\$624,500	\$610,000
February 2019	\$395,000	\$375,000
January 2019	\$650,000	\$650,000
December 2018	\$459,000	\$424,500
November 2018	\$522,250	\$534,000
October 2018	\$512,450	\$502,875
September 2018	\$674,000	\$650,000
August 2018	\$542,900	\$534,750
July 2018	\$669,450	\$653,750
June 2018	\$624,900	\$590,000
May 2018	\$799,450	\$781,500
April 2018	\$574,999	\$572,500

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

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
March 2019	\$464,900	\$442,500
February 2019	\$499,900	\$475,000
January 2019	\$470,000	\$445,500
December 2018	\$484,950	\$458,500
November 2018	\$535,000	\$500,000
October 2018	\$462,400	\$444,000
September 2018	\$550,000	\$520,000
August 2018	\$520,000	\$503,250
July 2018	\$550,000	\$515,000
June 2018	\$659,900	\$624,000
May 2018	\$525,000	\$500,000
April 2018	\$448,800	\$442,500

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# The Unimposing House Finch

by J.G. Turner



The House Finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*), a *passerine* (a song bird), is found year-round across the southern part of western Canada, and throughout the United States and Mexico. Their range in Alberta is expanding northward.

It is a medium-sized finch (about the size of a House Sparrow) with a brown-streaked back and wing, and narrow dark stripes on its whitish under parts. The male's head, throat and rump are generally a pink-red. The female is easily mistaken for a female House Sparrow. Its tail is relatively dark brown, long and squared. The bill is short and thick, cone shaped, an obvious seed-eating bill. They eat seeds from plants, as well as buds, leaves and fruits. They can feed and drink while hovering!

This little songbird is very adaptable in terms of where it will live; including finding a home in deserts, grasslands, orchards, open woods, towns, cities and rural properties such as ranches. It will make its compact little woven nest in a bush, tree, natural cavity or building. They form breeding pairs and lay 6 to 8 eggs (lavender with black spots).

## Fun Facts:

- The male House Finch colouring can range from deep red to golden yellow, depending on what its diet was during moulting!
- When it flies it makes several fast wingbeats then has a brief period when it pulls its wings pulled in against its sides.
- This bird's song is a warbling one, with notes ending with "zeee".
- One can find House Finches hanging out with a group of House Sparrows, alone or in pairs.
- A group of House Finches are called a "development" of finches.
- If you want to attract these little birds to your backyard feeder, try tempting them with nyger or millet seed and shelled sunflower seeds.

*If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society at 403-214-1312 for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at [www.calgarywildlife.org](http://www.calgarywildlife.org) for more information.*

*Yeah, you sent her a card, but did you build her a shrine?*

Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church has been designated as a shrine to all mothers. The founder of Mother's Day, Anna Jarvis, attended the church in her youth and sent over 500 carnations on May 10, 1908, to be distributed to the congregation's mothers. In 1914, Mother's Day became a nationally observed holiday in the United States.



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Girl Guides

# BLACKFOOT DISTRICT



## Spring is in the air! It's time to register for fall 2019!

**Girls returning to the same unit—registration opens April 15, 2019**

**Girls advancing (moving up) to a new unit—registration opens May 06, 2019**

**New girls wishing to join any level of Guiding—registration opens June 03, 2019**

For more registration information and to find a unit near you go to [www.girlguides.ca](http://www.girlguides.ca).

Sparks units attended Sparklefest at Camp Jubilee, did projects for Earth Day, will be potting flowers for Mother's Day and learning basic first aid. Some girls will "advance" to the next level of Guiding which means they will move up and be joining their Guiding sisters in Brownies in the fall for new friendships and challenges.

Brownie units celebrated Earth Day by having a Pitch-In Canada community clean-up, made bird feeders and are prepping for camp. Some girls will be advancing to Guides and taking on new adventures in the fall.

Guide units helped green our world for Earth Day by learning about recycling and how to reduce our consumption of non-recyclable waste, attended Guide Skills at Camp Jubilee and are prepping for tent camping. One Guide unit travelled to the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre on Vancouver Island for a fantastic learning experience during spring break! Third year Guides continue to work on their Lady Baden Powell Award, and some will be advancing to Pathfinders.

Pathfinder, Ranger & Trex units attended Alberta Girls Parliament in Edmonton, will be backpacking, yurt & tent camping, had an evening at Combat Archery and held a campfire in Fish Creek Park. Some units are busy prepping for travel this summer to Halifax and Vancouver Island.

Guiding is a great place to build new friendships and experience new challenges. Why not give us a try!

Check out our website at [any-calgaryinfo@girlguides.ca](mailto:any-calgaryinfo@girlguides.ca) or go to [www.girlguides.ca](http://www.girlguides.ca) to register for fall 2019!

Girl Greatness Starts Here

# The Importance of Reporting Crime



Did you know that a substantial amount of crime isn't reported to police?

There are many reasons that people choose not to report a criminal offence. They may feel that it is too minor in nature or that nothing can or will be done. They may feel that it's not worth the time or effort or that police have more important things to do.

The Calgary Police Service pays close attention to reported crime statistics within communities and across areas of the city. In fact, statistical analysis can be a driving force behind how our Service chooses where and how to deploy resources.

Analysis of reported crime allows police to identify 'hot spots' of activity and also helps to measure and pinpoint emerging crime trends. A lack of accurate data makes identification of these locations difficult and unreliable.

So-called 'minor' crimes such as car-prowling (theft from vehicles), vandalism and other property related crime can be an indicator of a larger problem in a community. An increase in these types of crimes can indicate that an offender has moved into an area, that additional police resources are needed, or that something else has changed within the community. Becoming aware of each of these factors is important for police to move forward in addressing community concerns.

## How to report a non-emergency crime

The emergence of technology has made crime reporting much easier and faster, and allows police to obtain an up-to-date glimpse of what is going on in the community.

- Online – [www.calgarypolice.ca](http://www.calgarypolice.ca)
- By phone – 403-266-1234 (police non-emergency line)
- Walk-in to your local District office

If there is an ongoing situation within your community, you also have the option of contacting your area Community Resource Officer (CRO) through your local District office to make them aware.

## How else can you help?

- Encourage your family, friends and neighbours to report crime or suspicious activity within your community.
- Be aware of your surroundings. If something or someone seems out of place, there is likely a good reason for this. Report any suspicious behaviour to the police.
- Lock it up! Don't provide offenders with any opportunity – secure your vehicle, garage and home (including closing windows when you are away and at night).

## BRAIN GAMES SUDOKU

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Deadline – 1<sup>st</sup> of each month for the next month's publication**

Contact [news@great-news.ca](mailto:news@great-news.ca)

- ◆ Free announcements: lost/found, household items for sale, wanted, garage sale, student/senior services, etc.
- ◆ Forty word limit

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## YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

### Green Carts Spring into Weekly Collection Schedule

Spring has sprung, and with it comes an increase in yard waste. Weekly green cart collection will resume the first week of April.

Calgarians can visit [calgary.ca/collection](http://calgary.ca/collection) to find out their new green cart schedule and to sign up for free reminders including phone, email and text alerts or download the free Garbage Day app to receive notifications on their smartphones.

There are no changes to blue or black cart collection.



## BRAIN GAMES SUDOKU

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Construction season is upon us. Thank you all for your patience with the various construction projects happening throughout the Ward. We are working hard in the office to advocate for improvements and reduce the impact of these disruptions. I share your frustration in commuting through lengthy construction zones.

SWBRT construction on 14th Street will continue throughout the summer and is scheduled to finish by the end of the year. The extension projects on Southland Drive and 90th Avenue for the Southwest Calgary Ring Road are nearly complete, and there will be minimal impacts to traffic this year. If you have any questions about these or other projects, please contact us.

Our next monthly town hall is on Thursday May 23 at the Meadowlark Park Community Centre from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Please join us for light refreshments and discussion on local issues!

As always, please contact our office if you have any feedback or concerns to share. I always enjoy reading your messages and returning your phone calls!

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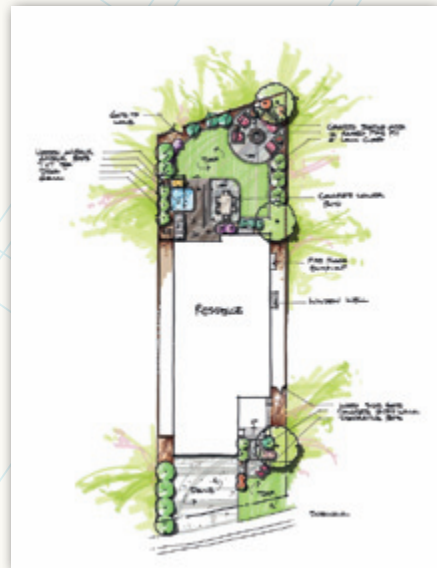
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