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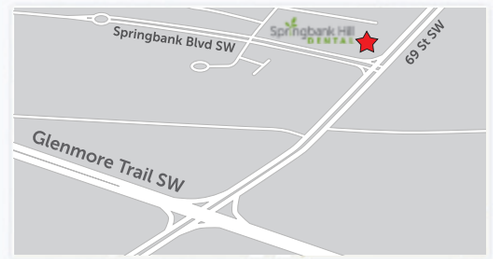

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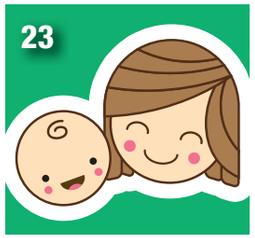

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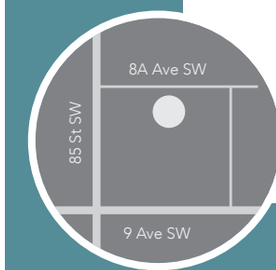

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Regardless, a tax refund can help you significantly in the future if you use it wisely today. If you're getting a tax refund this year, take a moment to consider how you can make the most of it by putting it to work for you:

- Add to your emergency fund. Set aside enough cash to cover six months of expenses just in case the unexpected happens.
- Pay down credit cards and other high interest debt. You will save money on interest charges and increase your monthly cash flow.
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Happy Canada 150! I hope everyone enjoyed this extra-special July 1st Canada Day with friends and family, whether you were at one of the many celebrations in Shaw Millennium Park, Fort Calgary, Confederation Park, Olympic Plaza, Studio Bell, Chinatown, Prince's Island Park, Glenbrook's Sports Day Grand Opening, or in your own backyard.

Calgary truly comes alive in July and there is no shortage of things to do, regardless of your age. City-wide, you can enjoy the Calgary Stampede, Shakespeare by the Bow, Calgary Turkish Festival, Fiestaval, Calgary Folk Music Festival, go on a cemetery tour, or explore a Mobile Adventure Playground in many of Calgary's parks.

Ward 6 also has great community events and opportunities you can enjoy. Here are some highlights:

Stay n' Play and Park n' Play
This increasingly popular program for children aged 3-12 is open to all and at no cost. You can drop off your kids (Park n' Play) or join them (Stay n' Play) for a week of activities including crafts, games, and active play. Make new friends and learn healthy and active lifestyles in a safe, supervised environment. Glenbrook and Glendale will be offering both programs on the following dates:
Monday, July 3 – Friday, July 7
Glenbrook Community Centre (3524 45 Street)
Monday, July 17 – Friday, July 21
Glendale Meadows Community Association (4500 25 Avenue)

Programs run weekdays and are weather dependant. Look forward to August opportunities in Signal Hill and Strathcona!

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Glendale/Glendale Meadows Stampede Breakfast
Saturday July 8 8:30am – 11:30am
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This past May, we said goodbye to Rona Ambrose as interim leader. Rona was a champion for all Albertans, presented a strong conviction for justice within the House of Commons, and displayed her deep passion for improving the lives of Canadians across the country. Her overwhelming support was made clear during her tributes from our caucus and fellow Members of Parliament. Thank you, Rona, for your service to all Canadians.

Going forward, I would like to welcome Andrew Scheer as the new leader of the Conservative Party. I look forward to working with him in Ottawa.

Over the past legislative year, my colleague and Conservative Member of Parliament Michael Cooper re-introduced Bill S-217, Wynn's Law, to the House of Commons. Wynn's Law would require that the Crown disclose the criminal history and outstanding charges of bail applicants. Bill S-217 was proposed in response to the murder of Constable David Wynn, who lost his life to career criminal Shawn Rehn. Currently, under the Criminal Code, it is discretionary for prosecutors to present the criminal history of an accused at their bail hearing. Wynn's Law would close this loophole. Despite passing the 2nd reading in the House of Commons, Wynn's Law was defeated by the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, as it voted to recommend that the House of Commons not proceed with the bill.

In March, the Liberal government tabled the budget for 2017. As member of the Official Opposition and Vice Chair of the Finance Committee, I have worked with my colleagues to find areas to criticize within the budget. I have been disappointed with the lack of tangible choices or measures made by the budget. It does not provide relief for unemployed Albertans, nor does it address the priorities of Albertan families. There has been no plan made to balance the budget before 2050-2051, and large structural deficits have been forecasted for the next five years. In Finance Committee, we have studied the subject matter of Bill C-44, An Act to Implement Certain Provisions of the Budget Tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017 and Other Measures. Within committee, I have stood up for Albertan interests, making it clear that a strong Albertan economy and oil and gas sector benefits the entire country. At Finance Committee and in the House, our Conservative

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Hello, Calgary Bow,

Legislative session has ended for the summer and I am back in the community connecting with residents on the doorstep and at community events. **You and your family are invited to my free Stampede BBQ lunch on July 9 from 12-2pm on the beautiful sundeck at WinSport**. There will be vegetarian options available. Residents from the communities of *Crestmont, Valley Ridge, West Springs, Cougar Ridge, Coach Hill, Patterson Heights, Greenwood Village and Bowness* are welcomed. This is a great opportunity to connect with my team and I and you'll probably meet some neighbours as well!

There is much to reflect on from this spring session. Looking at the list of bills one can see an implicit interest in making the lives of Albertans better. Just in the past few months our government have reviewed, amended, and created 26 pieces of legislation. These bills have sought to address the impacts of the costs of public education on the family budget, created new protections for first time home buyers, created an advocate for persons with disabilities, and for the first time since 1988 fundamental updates to Alberta's labour laws.

These amendments will make life better for Alberta families by supporting family-friendly workplaces and protecting vulnerable Albertans who rely on the basic protections and rights enshrined in law. Specifically, within Bill 17: The Fair and Family-Friendly Workplaces Act this means:

- Ensuring parents of critically-ill or injured children can take time off to care for their family without the fear of losing their job.
- Allowing Albertans the time they need to care for themselves when they're dealing with a short-term illness or mourning the loss of a loved one.
- Lowering the eligibility threshold for maternity leave so hard-working women can support themselves and their families.
- Strengthening our enforcement tools to ensure all employers follow the law and help Albertans receive the pay and benefits they're rightfully entitled to.

What I find most compelling in all of this is the amount of dialogue I encounter outside of the legislature. Every day my office receives phone calls, emails, faxes and people who stop in to share their stories of how their lives have been impacted by much needed legislation that our government have put forward. We are making the lives of Albertans better! With that I encourage you to continue to come stop by my office, as I am here to listen, learn, and work hard on your behalf.

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Michelle	17	587-891-8670	No
Mikayla	13	403-686-6078	No
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RON LIEPERT'S REPORT CONT'D

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As always, your feedback is welcomed and valued. Now that the House of Commons has adjourned for the summer, I hope to see many of you around in the neighbourhood. I wish everyone an enjoyable summer with family and friends, and hope you find an opportunity to participate in a number of events celebrating Canada's 150th birthday!

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Unity an Important Step Forward for Alberta Conservatives

As you will have likely heard, both the Wildrose Party and Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta have reached a tentative agreement to unify and present Albertans with one unified, Conservative choice in the next election. I am proud to support these unity efforts because I believe that having one unified conservative party in the next election gives voters the clearest choice between the current governing NDP and an alternative.

The unified party will enshrine the values that I believe all Albertans hold including a strong emphasis on wealth creation through free enterprise, fiscal responsibility through respecting taxpayers' money, and high quality, publicly funded healthcare and education. I encourage you to read the full set of principles online.

For me, this work goes beyond party and political lines. It involves us thinking about the kind of Alberta we want to build, the kind of alternative to the current governing NDP that we want to offer to you as voters. It is also about building a free market economy and a democratic organization made up of everyday Albertans where everyone has a chance to shape public policy, and no reasonable idea is ever dismissed just because it doesn't align with someone's partisan stripe.

You can look forward to continued cooperation between our current two opposition caucuses as we work collaboratively to demonstrate to Albertans what the spirit of this agreement of unity can look like – the hard work it can get done, and the benefits it can bring to Albertans. I believe strongly that this is only the beginning. As we come together to find a leader, and choose specific policies for the unified organization, there is room and desire to have the voice of every commonsense Albertan at the table, and I invite you to be a part of that effort.

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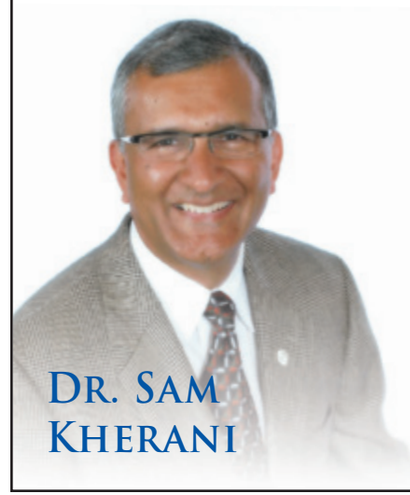

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