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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4	5
am							Brady Academy of Irish Dance 403-630-3384 10 am - 12 noon
pm							
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
am	Christ Power Bible Church 10 am-12:30 pm						Brady Academy of Irish Dance 403-630-3384 10 am - 12 noon
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Legacy Names

Both Alberta and Lake Louise got their names from the fourth daughter of Queen Victoria, Princess Louise Caroline Alberta. However, the town of Caroline, Alberta does not get its name from the princess, and is instead named after Caroline Langley, whose family opened up the town's first post office.

YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

The Market on Stephen Avenue – Tuesdays until Sept. 5, 11 am – 5 pm

Bring your enviro bags and coolers! You'll find up to 60 vendors; from fresh food (produce, breads, pastries, etc) spices, sauces, treats, art, fashion, jewelry and so much more! Found on Stephen Avenue between 1 Street East and 2 Street West. More info: inquiries@dmeinc.ca.

Honens Festival – Various Venues, Sept. 7 – Sept. 10

The award-winning Honens Festival returns for a four-day festival of music with a side of maple syrup! To mark Canada's 150th birthday, this celebration of piano showcases some of the country's brightest classical music stars alongside Honens Laureates through innovative performance projects and dynamic community concerts. More info: honens.com.

Beakerhead – Various Locations, Sept. 13 – Sept. 17

One of the world's most original spectacles of art, science and engineering, will erupt this September when the fourth annual Beakerhead hits Calgary. Look for mechanical creatures, multi-story art installations, famous and soon-to-be famous scientists and inventors, and performances by people and machines. The dose of quirky spectacle will include more than 65 events. More info: beakerhead.com.

Techstock 2017 - 3553 31 Street NW, Sept. 14

This is an annual event hosting 30+ start-up companies and researchers who showcase their innovations to the public. This year they explore how technology and social innovations are making a profound impact on our society and driving change in areas such as sustainability, health, education, gender equality and more. More info: innovatecalgary.com/events/techstock/

Railway Days – Heritage Park, Sept. 23 - 24

There is fun for the whole family at Railway Days! As one of the few sites in North America with two steam locomotives, our trains take centre stage for two days with demonstrations, hands-on activities, and exciting exhibits. More info: heritagepark.ca.

CALGARY PRIDE PARADE
6 AVE. AND 6 ST. SW
SEPTEMBER 3, NOON – 1:30

The signature Calgary Pride Parade is one of the most colourful celebrations of the year!
More info: calgarypride.ca.



CIRCLE THE WAGONS
3951 TRASIMENE CRESCENT SW
SEPTEMBER 9, 11 AM – 11 PM

This year's traveling carnival of local food, beer, music, art and performers will be proudly hosted at Currie. Currie boasts Canadian Pride, and to help further amplify the celebratory energy from Canada's 150th anniversary. More info: circlethewagons.ca.



YW WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES
STEPHEN AVENUE AND OLYMPIC PLAZA
SEPTEMBER 19

Hundreds of men and women will step onto Stephen Ave. in high heels to show their support for women and children who are victims of family violence. More info: walkamile.ca.



SEPTEMBER



Walk in

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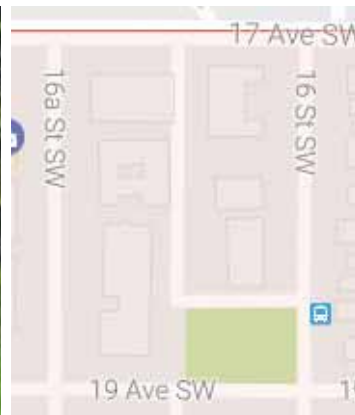
Interested in getting to know your neighbours and enjoying the great outdoors??

Join our Bankview Walking Group!
Every Monday from June 12th until August 28th, 2017
 10:30am – 11:30am

Meet at the park located on the corner of 16th Street and 19th Avenue SW at 10:30am. See location marked on map above.

Please dress appropriately for the weather and bring a hat, sunscreen and water. All ages welcome. No pets please.

For more information please call Sonya @ 403-970-7454



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline – 1st of each month for the next month's publication

Contact news@great-news.ca

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

CALGARY 55+ GAMES: From August 10th to 12th 2017, Calgary 55 Plus Games Association will be hosting the Calgary 55 Plus Provincial Championships. There will be 11 events. We need new members and volunteers. Go to www.calgary55plus.com for information.

LOVE TO SING? Vocal Latitudes may be the choir for you. A non-audition, World Music community choir, Vocal Latitudes meets Tuesday evenings from September-May in a convenient central location. Repertoire includes jazz, gospel, African, Canadian, Renaissance, pop, original contemporary. For more information, see www.vocalatitudes.org.

RELIVE CALGARY'S VIBRANT HISTORY: with Chinook Country Historical Society during the 27th annual Historic Calgary Week. From July 28th- Aug 11th get to know people's stories while visiting historic sites in the Calgary area.

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FLC SENIORS CLUB 55+ -Tai Chi- call Juliette 403-225-1593 or email taichi@flcseniors.ca. -Line Dancing- call Ann 403-254-9181 or email linedancing@flcseniors.ca. For more activities, visit www.flcseniors.ca. Join us for a very affordable, healthy, and active lifestyle.

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SAFE & SOUND

Backyard Fire Safety tips from your Calgary Fire Department

Enjoying a recreational fire in your backyard can be a great way to spend a summers evening. Here are some Safety and bylaw considerations for you.

- Always confirm that a Fire Ban is not in effect before starting a fire for recreational purposes.
- Fires may only be burned in fire pits between 10 a.m. and 1 a.m.

Rules for Fire Pits:

1. Backyard fire pits should be built into the ground, on brick or stone, or in a fire-proof container. Portable fire pits may be used on a deck as long as they sit on brick or stone, and not directly on your wooden deck. Always refer to the Fire pit manufacturer for approved fir pit locations.
2. Fire pits must be at least two metres away from your property line, house, garage, or fence.
3. Fire pits must **NOT** be under any trees, branches,

plants or other materials that can catch fire.

4. All fires in your fire pit must be kept to a reasonable size; 1 metre high and wide.
5. **A mesh screen or "spark guard" is now required** in order to reduce the spread of embers. The openings of the mesh must not be greater than 1.24 cm.
6. Only burn clean, dry firewood.
7. **Do Not Burn:**
 - Wood that is painted, treated or contains glue or resin
 - Wet or green/fresh cut wood
 - Yard waste (cut grass or leaves)
 - Garbage
 - Rubber or plastic
 - Furniture
8. Always have a way to extinguish the fire in the event of an emergency. Easy options are having your watering hose or a bucket of water nearby.
9. All fires in your fire pit must never be left unattended.
10. Aside from safety considerations, not following these rules can lead to fines of \$500, \$1000 or even \$5000.

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Join The Big Bucks For Bankview Brigade

It's CASINO TIME AGAIN!

Aug 19th & 20th

Who wants to raise \$1500 for Bankview, have some fun, be treated to a meal from Melrose and walk away feelin' pretty darned good about themselves?

Eh?eh? Who wouldn't wanna do THAT?

Well, now's your chance - book early for best shift selection. We'll do our best to accommodate your schedule. Please email us at bankviewcommunity@gmail.com with a subject line: CASINO

Fun fact: last casino (they're every 1.5 years, or so) volunteers made \$66,000 for Bankview. That's some serious cash - paid for stuff like our new kitchen and bathrooms at the hall. It also works out to a contribution from each of our volunteers of about \$1500. Wow. Again, serious cash.

What's that, you say? You're a casino volunteer virgin and you're not really sure what goes on, down there and you're too embarrassed to ask?

Well, wonder no more. You certainly won't be dealing cards, or anything like that. That would be crazy. It's fun of a different sort. To dispel the mystery, here's a brief description of the shifts:

GENERAL MANAGER: This person oversees the event and signs off on the documents. Oh. The power. It's intoxicating

CASHIERS: They're the folks who you see behind the wickets who cash in chips. Don't be afraid. Not only are

you trained by the casino supervisor who Bankview hires for the event, but when you do cash in chips you can count on at least one other person watching what you're doing and helping if needed. Everyone's got your back. Sometimes little whoopsies happen and that's okay. Some people are a wee bit nervous on their first cash-out and that's perfectly normal. Remember. Volunteers can do no wrong.

BANKER: Barbara Bentley always takes all of the shifts for this position and no one is going to tell her otherwise. Believe me, we've tried. Not only is she reeeally good at it, she considers it to be her contribution to the cause and you can't argue with that

CHIP RUNNERS: Yup you guessed it. They run chips to the tables, as needed. As a chip runner, you can hang out in the volunteer room or stroll around the casino until you get "the call." You then go to the cashier wicket where you pick up the case of chips and proceed to the games table, escorted by your personal body guard. You feel like you've been elevated to celebrity status. And, let's face it. Wouldn't it be nice to be escorted by a security guard in a public place and it's not because you've done something wrong?

COUNT ROOM: Two people open and empty they money cases one by one and sort the denominations. Don't bother asking if you can get up on the table and just roll around in it. I ask. Every time. And every time it's a no. But it's fun just the same. Then there's four people, each in front of a computer who enter the amounts, with checkpoints along the way. Not comfy with a computer? No worries! It's easy-peasy and again, there's a casino person there, at all times to instruct and assist. Bonus! There's also super-fast bill counter machines that you get to play with.

So, there you have it. It's easy and it's a major, MAJOR contribution that you'd be making to our good buddy, Bankview. Speaking of buddies, bring a buddy, if you like! They don't have to reside in Bankview, to volunteer for this.

If you're more of a shy person, please don't shy away from this for that reason. You don't have to play with the other kids, if you don't want to. We all have our own way of passing the time during the lulls and no one will judge you for how you choose to pass that time yourself.

There's no volunteer profile for this. All kinds of folks come out with a common goal - to make a shi, er, a ton of money for Bankview. So, whaddaya say? Please say yes. We really, really need your help to make this happen.



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Henry	17	403-719-8282	Yes
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Bankview Good Neighbour Awards

Neighbours are the people that make neighbourhoods feel like home.

Does your neighbour:
Say hello every morning
Stop by with extra baked goods
Shovel your walk in the winter



THE BANKVIEW GOOD NEIGHBOUR AWARDS NOMINATIONS

What is it?

Good neighbours help to build connections between people and create a sense of community. Good Neighbours can be individuals of any age, couples, or families.

Good Neighbours might:

- Say hello every morning
- Stop by with extra baked goods
- Shovel your walk in the winter
- Cut your grass
- Offer a helping hand when it was needed

The Bankview Community Association is hosting "The Bankview Good Neighbour Awards" to extend gratitude to neighbours who inspire and improve lives throughout their community through their small acts of kindness to those around them and through their efforts to make their community a better place.

Why Nominate a Good Neighbour?

To simply say thank you, and encourage others to lend a helping hand in their neighbourhood. The award will feature dozens of stories that highlight what makes Bankview great: Its people.

How to Recognize Your Neighbour?

Submit your nomination today at bankview.org/awards

NOMINATIONS

Capri Rasmussen & Jason Auch

I'd like to nominate Bankview's neighbourhood vegans, Capri & Jason, for the best neighbour award. Bankview has SO many incredible neighbours, but Capri & Jason stand out for their random acts of kindness and constant generosity. Capri is always showing up on our doorstep with her famous baked goods fresh out of the oven. Jason is known as the neighbourhood 'heavy lifter' and is always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. When Capri & Jason found out that we were volunteering with a Syrian refugee family nearby they went out that night and bought the three children armloads of clothes, shoes, and school bags. Their generosity was so unexpected and all the items were so thoughtfully chosen. They started off as neighbours and have since become our friends. They are some of the kindest, sweetest, and most thoughtful people we know.

Nominated by Melissa Hauzer

Kenya Weaver

She is always aware of events happening in Bankview and is a great leader at the Bankview Starbucks. This year she

filled multiple boxes there to contribute to the Calgary Food Bank during the Christmas season. All around positive person to be around (even in the early morning hours before coffee has been made).

Nominated by Ella Michel

Ghaiss (Rez) Hajj

I'm happy to nominate Ghaiss (Rez) for the good neighbour award, it's an easy choice. Since arriving on our street about 5 years ago (?) he's done so much to promote togetherness and community. Annually, he organizes a BBQ/social at his house and invites all the neighbours, serving food, hosting several local bands, and dealing with all the planning and cleanup. He has a vegetable garden that provides more than he and his family can eat, so he's happy to share the extra. He also has offered up the use of his garage and tools to neighbours that would like to borrow them. Need a truck to move a sofa, take waste to the dump, or pick up something large that won't fit in your car? He'll lend you his truck, that I've only seen other people use, to get it done. Can't say enough about how nice it is to have him living on our street! He really just wants our community to be a better place.

Nominated by David Ronneberg

The Merriam-Webster Definition of a Good Neighbour is "marked by principles of friendship, cooperation, and non-interference in the internal affairs of another country." And by such I nominate Rez- as he is the living definition of a good neighbour. He is welcoming, helpful, kind, generous and becomes your friend, regardless of who you are. When I first moved to Bankview, I didn't know anyone, but I soon met Rez through a mutual friend. Suddenly, I wasn't alone in this community anymore. He offered to take turns with our dog walks, invited me to his annual Mid Summer BBQ, when I was in the low and needed a place to crash, he offered up a room in his house and assist with moving. I never had to take him up on that last offer, but it was reassuring that I had a backup plan. At first, when you go to his BBQ, you might feel like you don't belong, but soon enough, you realize all the (200+) attendees have been brought together by this wonderful individual- and we all share the same values. Within five-ten minutes, you are laughing and bonding with a fellow neighbour and enjoying the beat of local artists/bands. Who are his attendees? Neighbours and friends of Bankview; people from all walks of life! People who are genuinely kind and considerate. We all share a sense of friendship and are inspired to carry out the good

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deeds in our everyday walks. Yes, I nominate Rez for being a good neighbour, for being a good human. Period.

Nominated by Nickii Dhaliwal

Lori Bergh

I am nominating my mother. I know it must seem like a conflict of interest, because hey she's my mother and she has to be a good neighbor to me. I am not nominating her for what she does for me but what she does for her own neighbors. She once invited me over in the summer and I had the intention of cooking for just her and I. I love cooking for her. So on a nice warm summer night I had prepared a favorite of hers; Thai-inspired grilled shrimp served with grilled asparagus and a summer salad. After all the food was all done she realized this was way too much for both of us to eat. She proceeded to invite not one but two different neighbors over to eat said food and drink and be merry with us. After the meal my mother was away from the table and Tim (her neighbor) leaned to me and said "before your mom moved in here, none of us talked, she brought us all together". This is one story of many on how I feel my mom has a sense of community and enjoys bringing strangers together to grow friendship and community.

Nominated by Monroe Corbeil

Judy Lawrence and Richard Gregson

My neighbours, Judy and Richard are the best neighbours anyone could ask for. They always shovel part of my walk, invite me (often) to drink wine around their fire, and regale me with stories and laughter. We often share care of the animals in our lives. The best part of having them as neighbours is our front yards. We took down the fence separating our properties and over lots of wine, came up with a design that encompasses both yards. Now we proudly soak up compliments from many who pass by – by joining together, we multiplied the beauty and vastly increased our enjoyment in the care of our properties. I pray they never leave.

Nominated by Sue Hutch

Kerry Bennett

Kerry was one of the best neighbors a couple could ask for! She's since moved into the apartment at the end of the block, so she has a lucky roommate now instead of neighbors over the fence. I have so many examples of how Kerry was a wonderful neighbor to me and other people on this street. One super hot summer day she bought everyone around here slurpees! I was pregnant, so I was extra grateful. She also brought over paella when I was 10 days

past my due date and you know I wasn't in the mood to cook (did I mention she's a chef? It was amazing). We would generously share her gardening goods over the fence although we soon realized the futility of growing vegetables with such a voracious squirrel population. She really shone as a neighbourhood star (and frankly why I think she is deserving of this award) when she threw a BBQ last summer to raise money for Fort McMurray. What started as a casual BBQ quickly morphed into a full pig roast. She rallied her chef friends and restaurant connections to supply tons of food and beer and prizes. Dozens and dozens of neighbors and friends filled her backyard. We even opened the fences between ours and her other adjoining neighbor to accommodate all of the bodies! She was up for a full 24 hours tending to that pig and it was delicious. That little event raised nearly \$5000 in one afternoon. It was touching how she managed to bring the neighbourhood together with no money and little resources. She has a huge heart and we're so lucky to call her as a community member.

Nominated by Talicia Wagner

I would like to nominate Kerry Bennett for this award. It may have been a miracle that this lovely lady moved in next door to me. I moved to Calgary just a few years before we moved onto 16 Street, where I then had my first child. My new neighbour was on her deck

and I was like Wilson from Home Improvement, peering over our fence. She invited me over for some drinks, not knowing me, and coincidentally it was my birthday. The dance party that happened on her deck that night was the first of many great nights. Kerry opened her life up to me and invited me over to her many dinner parties and had me come along to many events that she was a guest of. Not only has she involved me and introduced me to many of her friends, but she has tended my garden, shoveled my walk, taken care of my kids (I now have 2), stayed up late decorating for my children's parties, brought us back treats from her many trips, lent us her cooking gear, gave my gluten free friends bread products from her bakery (Care Bakery), and the list goes on. I could not have asked for a more amazing neighbour or friend. She is not only great to me and my family, but also to all of the neighbours around us, and all of her friends. One big event that I can recall to demonstrate this is when



she hosted Pork Mac, a fundraiser for Fort McMurray after the fire. She had many of her restaurant and food contacts donate a full pig, pies, sides, kegs, oysters and more to collect money for Fort McMurray. There was live music, shirts made, and hundreds of people attended. We knocked pieces down out of the fence on both sides of her yard to have people spill into my yard and Kerry's neighbour on the other side. She raised thousands of dollars to donate to the cause. Kerry has made a big impact on my life and on everybody she comes into contact with and if anybody deserves this award, it's her.

Nominated by Sabrina Pick

Sean Carter

I'd like to nominate local business owner Sean Carter from Bike Bike. Recently I got a bike through a friend but it needed some TLC. I went to check the hours of operation for Bike Bike, the closet and best bike shop in the city, only to find out it was closed for a couple weeks so the owner, Sean, could take some vacation. When I tweeted the Bike Bike account asking if they knew the next best place to go get a \$1.50 tire pump adapter, Sean offered to meet me at the shop and help me with what I needed that day. He opened the store just for me and showed me how to use the adapted and pumped up my tires.

It should also be know that Sean and Bike Bike also get the credit for making the I Love Bankview stickers you may have seen. He graciously donated a big stack of them to the Bankview Community Association when I asked him about them. If having the gusto to open a small business isn't enough, Sean is generous to the community and his patrons. We're lucky to have him in our neighbourhood. Please keep on peddling, Sean! You make Bankview a better place!

Nominated by Megan Mucignat

Andree Roussel

Thank you for letting us know. We are nominating our neighbor, Andree, because she has been great to my family since we moved to Calgary from Germany in September. She always makes us treats – delicious spaghetti and homemade meat pies. Andree is always there to lend a helping hand, and has continuously helped us with snow removal, taking care of our lovable Newfoundland dog, George, and his cat, Licksy. She has invited us for dinner and to events. Andree is a wonderful person and the best neighbor you could ask for. We are blessed having her next door to us!

Nominated by Nicki and Sean Jackson

Fran Harvonen

I nominate Fran Harvonen. We reside at Bankview House – a residence for seniors. Fran is totally involved in doing and organizing events for the residents of Bankview House. She is Treasurer of the Social Committee and the executive arranges many dinners and functions where she plays a major role. She collects the bottles for refund from residents and the money goes into the Social Club account. She is friendly to everyone and especially new residents. The folks at CUPS have also recommended Fran. "Fran Harvonen is an enthusiastic volunteer at Bankview Place's Resource Centre. She joins Thursday for Coffee Time, where she shares stories and good conversation. Fran also helped us expand our Bread Basket program. We receive donations from Cobs Bread, and now we share the extra bread with her building. Finally, Fran volunteers at special events at our building, including our recent Valentine's Day Party." I believe Fran is an exceptional candidate for the Good Neighbour award. Nominated by Billie Avery.

Ruth Huber

Ruth's neighbourly kindness is extraordinary. Over the years she has helped countless people, in and outside of Bankview in multiple ways. She has taken people in need into her home; she has driven people with chronic illness to their medical appointment — multiple times per week for months sometimes; she has advocated on people's behalf so they get the social services supports that they need; she will pick up my mail when I'm away; she has offered to help me take things to the dump. I have never had a neighbour with such a big heart. I would love to see her get the recognition she deserves. Nominated by Virginia von Hahn.



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Before I get into this month's newsletter I wanted to make sure you received an invitation to my annual BBQ on September 10th – which will be held at Sunalta Hall (1627 10 Ave SW).

We'll be there from 11 am to 1 pm, flipping burgers and saying hello to our neighbours. If you're interested we also have an RSVP page online on my website at www.KentHehrMP.ca which will give us a heads up if you're attending so my team can plan on how many burgers to prepare.

WHAT: MP Kent Hehr's Summer BBQ
WHERE: Sunalta Hall – 1627—10 Ave SW
WHEN: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Next, I wanted to talk for a moment today on the subject of infrastructure investment. Our government is committed to investing in flood mitigation, affordable housing, public transportation, and places where communities come together (like community centres or hockey rinks). We were elected on a commitment to invest in infrastructure and these long-term economic generators for communities.

Just as one example, Infrastructure Canada funding to Alberta has received more funds for projects in the last year and a half (a total of \$4.3 billion). This is larger than the last five years **combined**.

You can see all of the projects invested in by Infrastructure Canada online here: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/map-carte/ab-eng.html>

By investing in green infrastructure, we get people home to their families faster, cleaner communities, and more inclusive, affordable cities.

And by investing in affordable housing we can begin to take on the issue of homelessness and poverty – a conversation that the federal government has been noticeable absent in the last ten years.

With our new National Housing Strategy, the \$11.2 billion highlighted in Budget 2017, and the important work we are doing to cut homelessness in half, and take 500,000 families out of housing need, we are well on our way to creating more inclusive communities.

As always, you can contact my office by email at kent.hehr@parl.gc.ca or by phone at 403-244-1880. My office is located at 950 6 Ave SW and my door is always open to you. You can follow my work in Parliament online and sign up for my e-newsletter at www.KentHehrMP.ca.



Bankview Real Estate Update


Last 12 Months Bankview MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
June 2017	\$602,000	\$587,500
May 2017	\$614,900	\$591,500
April 2017	\$499,900	\$490,000
March 2017	\$865,000	\$845,000
February 2017	\$567,000	\$562,500
January 2017	\$0	\$0
December 2016	\$369,900	\$360,000
November 2016	\$834,900	\$825,000
October 2016	\$636,000	\$615,000
September 2016	\$209,000	\$205,000
August 2016	\$0	\$0
July 2016	\$1,399,000	\$1,350,000

Last 12 Months Bankview MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
June 2017	7	6
May 2017	6	4
April 2017	8	3
March 2017	1	1
February 2017	5	4
January 2017	2	0
December 2016	0	1
November 2016	1	1
October 2016	4	1
September 2016	3	3
August 2016	1	0
July 2016	2	1

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I hope you and your families are enjoying the summer months and taking advantage of the many great opportunities we have as Albertans to enjoy the outdoors!

I want to begin by thanking each and every one of you for joining me for my annual Stampede Breakfast on July 9 at the Glenbrook Community Association. It was amazing to see so many from across our community out enjoying the day. A special shout-out to the 40 or so volunteers who came together to serve over 1000 pancakes, sausages, and hash browns to Stampede goers. While we were also joined by many New Democrat MLAs and Ministers from across the province - I would like to single out for thanks, my colleague - Jessica Littlewood (MLA for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville) - for doing such a fine job with the colour commentary during the wiener dog races! Congratulations to the winning hounds!

Summer also means long days and plenty of sunlight. That is why I am proud that our government has launched the first Residential and Commercial Solar Program in Alberta to provide financial rebates to Alberta homeowners, businesses, and non-profits who install solar photovoltaic systems on their homes, businesses, and facilities. For individuals, this program provides a rebate of \$0.75/watt to residential systems, with a maximum grant amount of \$10,000. For more details, I encourage you to visit <http://solar.encyclopediaalberta.ca>.

The longer days do not mean an end to the important work of hearing from constituents like you. That is why you will continue to see me at your community events, both large and small. I know my team works very hard to keep me up to date about what is happening across our riding, but it is impossible for us to know all that is going on in every corner of Calgary Currie all the time. So please do not hesitate to contact me if you are hosting an event that you would like me to attend.

In July, Calgary Bow MLA Deborah Drever and I spent an afternoon in the Off-Leash Dog Park in Edworthy where we chatted about \$25 a day daycare and the construction of the new Calgary Cancer Centre and the SW Ring Road. This month I will have a booth at Marda Gras on Sunday, August 13.

I want to hear from you about how our work is making your lives better, one pragmatic step at a time, and I will continue to visit you where you live. To date, I have reached over 50% of Calgary Currie residents and have chatted with hundreds of you on your doorsteps who are pleased with how the Alberta Government has invested, rather than cut, its way to economic recovery. My goal is to have completed this task by the time the legislature reconvenes in the fall - so do keep watch for a visit from your MLA in the days and weeks ahead.

~ Brian

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