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## IN & AROUND CALGARY



### Chip in Fore Communities and Golf With Us on August 12!

Are you itching for a fun round of golf that includes lunch and dinner, as well as the opportunity to win amazing prizes like a trip for two to Mexico and up to \$15,000? If so, register today for the Federation of Calgary Communities 4<sup>th</sup> Annual *Chip in Fore Communities* Golf Tournament, presented by Save-On-Foods! The tournament will take place on Friday, August 12, 2016 at The Canal at Delacour Golf Club.

Registration fees are extremely affordable at only \$160 for an individual golfer and a discounted rate of \$600 for a foursome! Your fee includes lunch, a round of golf in a power cart, a delicious dinner, and the chance to win one of many exciting prizes.

Visit [calgarycommunities.com/events](http://calgarycommunities.com/events) to register today!

There are 150 community associations in Calgary with more than 20,000 volunteers involved, making it the largest collective volunteer movement in the city! Community associations come in all shapes and sizes, are run by your neighbours, offer you endless opportunities, bring you together as a community, and are dedicated to addressing local issues and ensuring you love where you live. They can be the anchor for community life, but they need support to effectively operate in today's competitive not-for-profit world. The Federation of Calgary Communities is that support organization.

This golf tournament will help raise funds for the Federation of Calgary Communities to continue providing programs and services that help community associations build capacity, support and mobilize residents, be on the front lines of important issues in their community, and improve neighbourhood life in Calgary.

If you have any questions or are interested in finding out more please contact Rebecca Dakin with the Federation of Calgary Communities at [communityrelations@calgarycommunities.com](mailto:communityrelations@calgarycommunities.com) or (403) 244-4111 ext. 204.

## IN & AROUND CALGARY

### Green Cart set to roll out next spring

After a successful pilot that saw a 40 per cent drop in garbage and 89 per cent satisfaction amongst residents, the Green Cart Program will roll out to all single family homes beginning next spring. All communities should have the service by fall 2017. Here are the highlights:

**All food, yard and pet waste is accepted in the program.**

**Unlimited quantity.** Use paper yard waste bags for extra yard waste that doesn't fit in the cart.

**Green and blue carts** will be collected on the **same day every week.**

**Black carts** will be picked up **once every two weeks on a separate day** since most household waste can be recycled or composted.

Residents will receive everything they need to get started including the green cart, a kitchen pail for collecting food scraps inside the home; a sample of compostable bags for the kitchen pail and yard waste bags. Once service begins, households will pay \$6.50 per month. This charge reflects the savings achieved by changing black cart garbage col-

lection from weekly to once every two weeks.

**Green carts go beyond backyard composting**

If you're already backyard composting, keep it up. Use your green cart for all the other materials that cannot be composted at home like meat, bones, shellfish, dairy, weeds and pet waste.

**Why we need to keep food and yard waste out of landfills**

It may be hard to believe, but more than half of residential garbage is food and yard waste. Composting this material is the right thing to do. When food and yard waste is buried in the landfill it releases methane, a greenhouse gas that is 25 times stronger than carbon dioxide. By using the green carts we reduce dependence on our landfills, reduce greenhouse gas and turn food and yard waste into nutrient-rich compost.

To learn more about the Green Cart Program, visit [calgary.ca/greencart](http://calgary.ca/greencart).

Submitted by The City of Calgary Waste & Recycling Services.




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# How to enjoy the summer sun safely

By Paula Trotter

Do you know what causes more cases of cancer than tobacco? Ultraviolet (UV) rays emitted by the sun, which cause skin cancer.

Despite being largely preventable, skin cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in Canada. Most skin cancers are easy to treat, but they do put you at a higher risk of developing cancer later in life and treatment can include disfiguring surgery.

And rates of melanoma – the most dangerous type of skin cancer – continue to rise in Canada.

As summer is now upon us, we want to remind you that being safe in the sun is the best way to reduce your risk of developing skin cancer.

Sun safety isn't about avoiding the sun. It's about protecting your skin and eyes while you're enjoying the outdoors.

And sun safety includes more than just applying sunscreen. In fact, sunscreen should not be your only defence against the sun. Use sunscreen along with shade, clothing, and hats – not instead of them.

Follow these Canadian Cancer Society prevention tips to safely enjoy the sun this summer:

- **Check the UV index daily.** Use extra precautions to protect your skin if the UV index reaches 3 (moderate) or more.
- **Cover up when the sun is at its strongest.** You need to be extra careful to protect your skin between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. when the sun is at its strongest (UV index of 3 or more).
- **Cover up.** Wear a wide-brimmed hat and cover up as much of your skin as possible. Clothes generally provide better protection than sunscreen.
- **Use sunscreen properly.** Use a broad-spectrum and water-resistant sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30. Apply generously – most adults need about two to three tablespoons of sunscreen to cover their body and a teaspoon to cover their face and neck.
- **Seek shade.** Sit under a tree at the park or an awning on a restaurant patio. Bring an umbrella so you can have shade whenever you need it.
- **Wear sunglasses.** Sunglasses (labeled UV 400 or 100% UV protection) can help prevent damage to your eyes by blocking a large percentage of UV rays.

## IN & AROUND CALGARY



### Going on a Holiday?

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities

#### Building Safe Communities Program

Summer is a great time to enjoy a vacation! But before you do, make sure your home is as safe and secure as possible. The keys to protecting your home when you are on vacation are not just the ones you use in your deadbolt lock.

Below are a few tips to help reduce your risk:

- Double-check your insurance policy to find out if and when you require someone to check in on your home.
- Give a trusted neighbour or friend a key and trip details and ask them to check in on your home.
- Don't advertise that you are going away.
- Create a lived-in appearance. Be sure the lawn is cared for while you are away, and stop any newspapers or have flyers collected from your door or yard. Set lights and a TV's on timers so your home is not dark during evening hours.
- Encourage a trusted neighbour to park their car in your driveway while you are gone.
- Ensure that your door and window locking devices are working and are locked when you leave.
- Disable your garage door while you are gone. Most have a switch that can be turned off. You can also put a padlock or similar device through the door tracks to ensure it cannot be opened.
- Put away, or secure all lawn furniture or tools (i.e. ladders) so they can't be used to assist a burglar in gaining access to the upper story windows of your home.

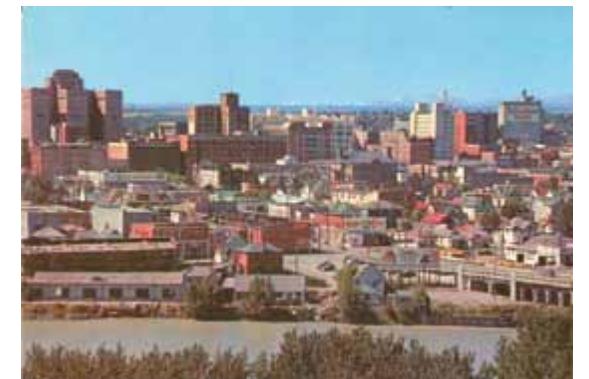
For more helpful safety resources, check out the Federation of Calgary Communities website at calgarycommunities.com and visit the Virtual Resource Centre.

### Stampede Taxi Stands

Stampede taxi stands are designated areas near Stampede Park where taxis will be lined-up to wait for customers. Two temporary taxi stands will operate at all hours during Stampede. These stands are located at the South and North entrances of Stampede Park. The taxi stand located at the North entrance of Stampede Park will provide priority service to people with accessibility needs as this entrance provides the most direct route to enter into the park.

### Late Night Temporary Taxi Stands

Within Stampede Park there are multiple entertainment venues. In 2016 all venues are closing at 3 a.m. To accommodate the evening rush two additional late night temporary stands will be established. For details, visit Calgary.ca and search taxi stands.



### Historic Calgary Week July 22-August 1, 2016

Please join us for Historic Calgary Week, ten days of free events, presented by the Chinook Country Historical Society. Learn about Calgary's history, culture and community through walks, talks, tours, presentations, museums and family events, held in and around Calgary. See our website: [www.chinookcountry.org](http://www.chinookcountry.org) for the program list.

**AUGUST 5 TO 7  
EXPO LATINO**

Each year, Expo Latino brings a variety of talented Latino performers to Prince's Island Park. This is a three-day celebration of Latino music, dance and culture. [www.expolatino.com](http://www.expolatino.com)

**AUGUST 13  
CALGARY JAPANESE  
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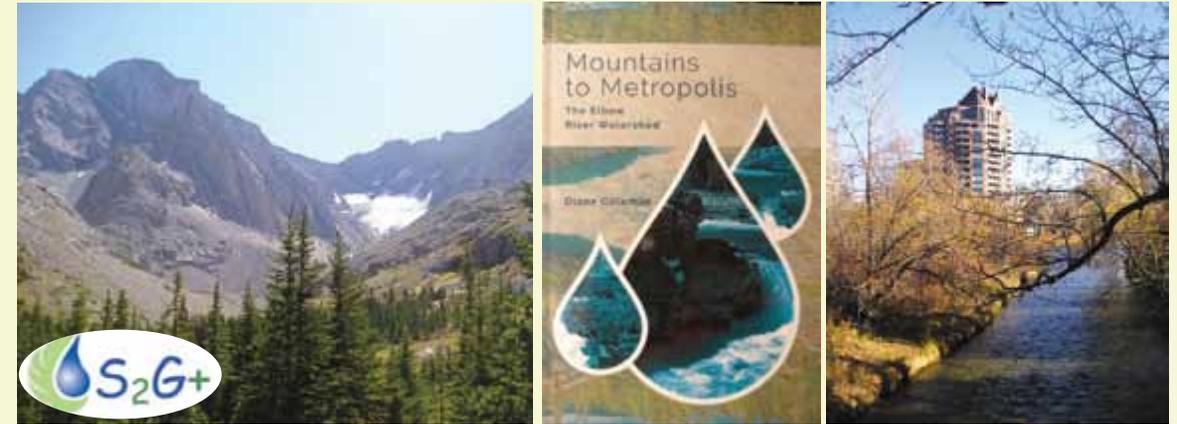
The one day festival has plenty of fun, cultural activities appropriate for the whole family, including galleries of Japanese arts and crafts and food kiosks selling Japanese food. [www.calgaryjapanesefestival.com](http://www.calgaryjapanesefestival.com)

**AUGUST 13 TO 14  
CALGARY DRAGON BOAT  
RACE AND FESTIVAL**

This is a weekend of dragon boat racing on the Glenmore Reservoir, where Calgary embraces a sport that stems from a 2,000-year-old Chinese legend. [www.chinatowncalgary.com/dragonboat](http://www.chinatowncalgary.com/dragonboat)

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## New Book Mountains to Metropolis: The Elbow River Watershed

*S2G+ was excited to find out that a new book had been written about the Elbow River. We asked the author, Diane Coleman, if she would be willing to write an article about what prompted her to write about the Elbow Watershed. And, here is her response!*

Water in the landscape has always attracted me. Perhaps that is why I have lived near the Elbow River for four decades. When I lived near downtown Calgary, potable water magically came out of the tap and wastewater disappeared with a flush. No big deal. But then on our acreage outside the city in the middle watershed, water issues quickly became apparent. Here, our household water comes from a local water co-operative and we have a septic system to maintain. Here, one thoughtless person overwatering his large lawn has brought the water system to its knees on occasion. Then, as a geographer, I have also had a fascination for the landscape itself. Landscape plus water equals watershed, and in my case, that of the Elbow River.

Big questions arose: where does our water come from, how is it best used and where does it go when we have finished with it? What is a watershed really? What are its parts, how does it function, is it so important to keep it

healthy, and how do we do that? And why should we care? Why? — because we all live in a watershed.

I began to research everything I could find out about the Elbow watershed — its geography, its wildlife, its human history, its management and its present-day situation — all coloured by my own experience living, hiking and camping here. And all that turned into this book!

My conclusion about all of this? — the Elbow River watershed is beautiful and important and it is under significant pressure for industrial, urban and recreational development. Since the sound functioning of any watershed depends on the well-being of *all* of its parts, I hope this book will help ensure the Elbow's continued health through knowledge and understanding, and from that, good management.

Diane Coleman is the author of *Mountains to Metropolis: The Elbow River Watershed* (Friesen Press, 2015).

*Formed in 2004, S2G+ Preservation Society collaborates to enhance the environment and natural history of the lower Elbow River, its valley and contiguous bench lands from the Glenmore Dam to Fort Calgary. To join our stewardship network email us at [S2Gplusinfo@gmail.com](mailto:S2Gplusinfo@gmail.com). Follow us on [facebook.com/S2Gplus](https://www.facebook.com/S2Gplus)*



## Blue-winged Teal a Little Dabbler

By J.G. Turner

Photo credit: Alan & Elaine Wilson of Nature's Pics Online

The Blue-winged Teal's formal name (*Anis discors*) comes from the Latin words for "a duck" (*Anis*) and *discors* or "disc about the mouth" which may refer to the face pattern of the male. The adult male has a rounded slate blue head with a crescent shaped band of feathers behind its black bill and in front of its black eyes. The male has a light brown body with a white patch near the rear and a black tail, and shows a blue patch with a white border on its fore wings, especially when in flight. The adult female is a mottled or scalloped grey-brown with a whitish patch at the base of the tail and bill, and a dark line through its black eye. The bill is quite large. Blue-winged and Cinnamon Teal females and immatures are very hard to distinguish from one another.

This is a small (especially compared to the large Mallards common to Alberta waterways) dabbling duck (meaning that it feeds on the surface on vegetation or water insects just ducking its head under water, or by tipping right up, pointing its tail end upwards while feeding on submerged vegetation). It is only about 16 inches (40 cm) long, with a wingspan of 23 inches (58 cm) and weighing in at only 13 ounces (370 g).

This is the most common teal in Alberta's grassland and parkland areas. The best area for it to live in is likely to have grassy spaces mixed with wetlands. It is most likely found in the calmer waters of marshes, sloughs, ponds and the weedy edges of small lakes. Nests are built in concealing grasses or vegetation on dry land, but near to water. You might see a Blue-winged Teal cruising near the shoreline (rather than out in open water) or resting on logs or rocks sticking above the water, on top of muskrat houses, on bare shoreline or mud flats. In the late summer they undergo a moult (during which they shed their old feathers and grow new ones), which prevents them from flying so they will spend this time

in prairie sloughs or large marshes with good food supplies. Although it is found in the right habitat throughout the province, the Blue-winged Teal is most common in central and southern Alberta.

This little duck hangs out in pairs or small groups spending most of their time foraging in shallow waters. They are described as being "abundant" in North America, with numbers varying in response to water conditions, with drought causing populations to fall. They are the first ducks to go south in the fall and the last ones to arrive north for the breeding season in the spring. It is likely that they leave early and arrive back late because they are long distance migrators, some going as far as South America (a Blue-winged Teal banded in Alberta was found in Venezuela a month later). The oldest recorded Blue-winged Teal was a 23-year-old male, banded in Alberta and found in Cuba. Overwintering in Alberta is not common, but has been recorded in Calgary and at Wabamun Lake.

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal in distress, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society hotline at 403-239-2488, for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at [www.calgarywildlife.org](http://www.calgarywildlife.org) for more information.

## IN & AROUND CALGARY

### Where there's water, there IS a risk

Calgary's rivers, lakes and waterways can be a fun and refreshing way to spend a hot summer day. **Your Calgary Fire Department** wants to remind you about Water Safety.

#### Life jacket safety

Always wear a properly fitting life jacket or personal flotation device (PFD) when boating or rafting anywhere.

- Check the PDF or jackets size and weight restrictions.
- Start with the buckles and straps loose, do them up from the bottom of the jacket to the top. Make sure the jacket or PFD fits snugly.
- Test the life jacket or PFD once you have done it up; hold your arms over your head and ask a friend to grab the tops of the arm openings and gently pull. Make sure there is no extra room above the arm openings and that the jacket does not ride up over your face or chin.

#### Swimming is a lifesaving skill

Water skills give you the confidence to safely take part in water sports throughout your life. The City offers swim lessons for all ages, throughout the year. We also offer First Aid and National Lifeguard certification classes.

**Remember**, always keep toddlers or young children within arm's reach while in or around all bodies of water.

Before you raft or boat

Always **SCOUT**, **ASSESS** and **DECIDE** from shore before going on rivers, lakes and waterways.

**Scout** the river for potential hazards and check the weather and water conditions.

**Assess** the level of danger. Check for river advisories and assess the swimming and paddling skills of your crew.

**Decide** if it is safe to raft or boat.

**Ensure** you have emergency supplies on board with you.

For further information visit [calgary.ca/CSPS/Fire/Pages/Safety-tips/Safety-tips-for-water/River-Safety.aspx](http://calgary.ca/CSPS/Fire/Pages/Safety-tips/Safety-tips-for-water/River-Safety.aspx)

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### Fort McMurray

Last month, the nation looked on as wildfires raged throughout northern Alberta. As events continued to unfold, we watched the city of Fort McMurray declared a state of emergency and evacuate all residents. Our hearts went out to the community as they left entire lives behind at a moment's notice, and touching stories of loss and heroism trickled in through media reports.

Our government was quick to respond to the crisis. We assured Albertans in the very early days that we would stand with them during this difficult time, and would support their efforts to rebuild. I was in the airport heading back to Alberta when I received the call from the Prime Minister asking me to chair the federal government's Ad Hoc Committee on Northern Alberta Wildfires. My cabinet colleagues and I will coordinate across departments and take a whole of government approach to recovery and rebuilding efforts in the weeks and months ahead.

Since convening this committee, we have met to discuss strategy, resources and the coordination at all levels of government to assist our friends, families, and neighbours to the north. We committed air support, military, and have matched the generous donations of Canadians to the Red Cross.

For years Alberta has carried the Canadian economy. Now it's time for us to give back: we will assist during this acutely difficult period, and we understand that rebuilding Fort McMurray and northern Alberta will take years. The federal government will continue to play a role.

Already through federal leadership and the cooperation of other jurisdictions, we have brought in relief for Alberta's incredible first responders. Further to this, four water bombers from Quebec, three Ontario firefighting teams, 3,000 cots, blankets, generators, and living supplies were also brought in through federal agencies. Additionally, we deployed federal resources to restore communication networks, and the Canadian Space Agency to track the wildfires.

This is in addition to the hundreds of millions that will be sent to the province through the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements program.

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 at www.KentHehrMP.ca where you can watch clips of yours truly in question period and sign up for my e-newsletter.



## MLA CALGARY-BUFFALO HON. KATHLEEN GANLEY

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Howdy! Once again it's time to dust off our western wear and celebrate a timeless city tradition: the Calgary Stampede. With the Stampede Grounds, parade route, and many breakfasts and BBQs located in Calgary-Buffalo, I look forward to immersing myself in activities alongside my colleagues, constituents, and neighbors. Starting with the parade on July 8<sup>th</sup>, I will be attending Stampede activities throughout the days of July 8<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. If you are hosting an event for Stampede week, I would love to stop by to chat – please contact myself or my staff at 403-244-7737 or calgary-buffalo@assembly.ab.ca to keep us up to date with happenings in the community.

I invite all Calgary-Buffalo residents to join my caucus colleagues and Premier Rachel Notley at the Premier's Annual Stampede Breakfast from 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at McDougall Centre (455 6<sup>th</sup> Street SW). The free event will feature live music, dancing, Stampede Royalty, Chuckwagon Drivers and plenty of pancakes to go around.

On July 15<sup>th</sup> I will be handing out coffee at the annual Kerby Centre Stampede Breakfast from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. at 1133 7<sup>th</sup> Ave SW. Kerby Centre's vision of a happy and healthy senior population is supported by the Alberta Government's mission to promote the well-being and quality of life of Alberta seniors. The breakfast is open to people of all-ages, and I encourage you to stop by to connect with the volunteers, residents, and members who make up and support this thriving hub for older adults.

As we come together to celebrate our western heritage and share in the sights of the Stampede, we must not forget our duty to our fellow Albertans. As I write this in late-May, the wildfires in Fort McMurray and the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo remain extreme. With residents of Fort McMurray beginning to return home on June 1<sup>st</sup>, we know that the hard work of rebuilding is still ahead of us. I want to thank the many constituents who have reached out to our office to find out how they can help their neighbors in Northern Alberta. All of Alberta stands with Fort McMurray.

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Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter	403.234.7233
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Kids Help Line	1.800.668.6868
Child Safe Canada	403.202.5900
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Poison Centre - Alberta	1-800-332-1414
HOSPITALS / URGENT CARE	
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Peter Lougheed Centre	403.943.4555
Rockyview General Hospital	403.943.3000
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South Calgary Urgent Care Health Centre	403.943.9300
South Health Campus	403.956.1111
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City of Calgary	311
Kerby Centre for the 55 plus	403-265-0661
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### Council Approves Pedestrian Strategy

On average, one pedestrian is injured in a collision each day in Calgary. Many more injuries occur in parking lots and often go unreported. The financial cost to society from pedestrian deaths and injuries, estimated at \$120 million per year for Calgary alone, is staggering. The impact to individuals and families left to cope with the recovery, and sometimes a lifetime of disabilities, is immeasurable.

These financial, social, and emotional costs were driving factors behind City Council's decision to unanimously support STEP FORWARD, our new pedestrian strategy and safety action plan. I have been striving to make Calgary a better place to walk for many years and I am extremely proud of this work. The strategy also goes beyond safety to encourage more Calgarians to walk more often by making it easy, accessible, and enjoyable.

We focused the plan into four areas with a list of 50 actions for short, medium, and long term improvements:

**Safety** - reduce collisions and increase the feeling of personal safety.

**Plan and Design** - remove barriers to walking by improving connections and the walking experience for people of all ages and abilities.

**Operate and Maintain** - manage sidewalks as public spaces and seasonally maintain and repair infrastructure.

**Educate and Encourage** - remind citizens about shared responsibilities for road safety and encourage walking for improved health, recreation, and commuting.

Speed is a crucial factor in the severity and survival rate of any collision, especially ones involving those walking and cycling. Lower speeds save lives. From Toronto to Boston to Edinburgh, cities around the world are reducing speed limits on residential streets for the sake of safety. Closer to home, Airdrie introduced 30 km/h on all residential streets in the 1980s. Unfortunately, the

recommendation to reduce speed limits on residential streets in Calgary was not supported by Council at this time.

Every Calgarian is a pedestrian. A pedestrian is someone walking (or rolling in a wheelchair) to school, from one business meeting to another, to catch the train or bus, or for an evening stroll. Ward 7 boasts a higher proportion of people who walk than most other areas of Calgary, partly due to its nearness to downtown, but also because of its walkable neighbourhoods, shopping streets, river pathways, and access to schools and transit. The importance of walking to Ward 7 residents is one of the many reasons that I championed STEP FORWARD, as well as other initiatives that support active travel. As we implement this plan over the next decade, you will see Calgary become a safer, more walkable, and more enjoyable city.

To learn more about this and other topics, visit [druhfarrell.ca](http://druhfarrell.ca). To sign up for updates on key issues, please email [ward07@calgary.ca](mailto:ward07@calgary.ca).

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# Eau Claire

## Real Estate Update

### Last 12 Months Eau Claire MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
June 2016	\$957,000.00	\$910,000.00
May 2016	\$284,900.00	\$274,000.00
April 2016	\$444,500.00	\$422,500.00
March 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
February 2016	\$419,900.00	\$403,000.00
January 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
December 2015	\$684,450.00	\$658,750.00
November 2015	\$645,000.00	\$500,000.00
October 2015	\$479,900.00	\$460,000.00
September 2015	\$575,000.00	\$555,000.00
August 2015	\$419,450.00	\$404,500.00
July 2015	\$419,900.00	\$410,000.00

### Last 12 Months Eau Claire MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
June 2016	10	8
May 2016	9	4
April 2016	15	4
March 2016	6	0
February 2016	8	3
January 2016	10	0
December 2015	8	2
November 2015	4	3
October 2015	8	5
September 2015	15	5
August 2015	7	2
July 2015	6	1

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

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