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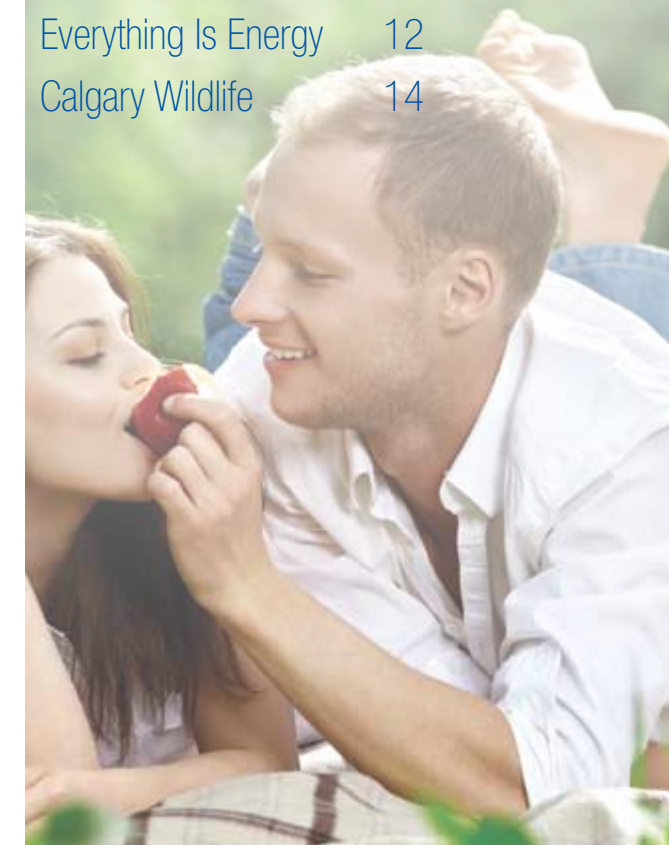
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Back to School

Tips from a Psychologist & Former Teacher

The warm, golden summer days are dwindling and the new school year imminently approaches. Many parents may worry about their children starting a new school, riding the bus for the first time, or meeting the increased academic demands of a higher grade. The transition from relaxed summer days back to the expectations and work students associate with school can be an abrupt and harsh reality. There are things parents can do to make it easier.

Create a Morning Routine the First Day

If your morning school routine ran smoothly last year, congratulations! If you found last year the mornings were less than perfect, rest assured, you're DEFINITELY not alone. The good news is, a few changes can result in major payoffs. Kick it up a notch this year by injecting some new strategies. For example, try a loud alarm clock to jumpstart the day, or a gradual wake up light alarm clock that simulates the natural sunrise for a more gentle waking; laminate morning checklists (e.g., brush teeth, wash face, get dressed, pack backpack) so they can check tasks off as they complete them; use a visual timer (shows how much time is left in red chunks that get smaller as time passes) for the last half-hour count-down to out the door time.

Start a Healthy Sleep Routine

Start progressively, until you get to a wakeup time that's reasonable for school days. Make a firm No Screens Policy 1.5-2 hours before bed; ample research demon-

strates this promotes a better sleep. Consider blackout blinds to darken the room, this helps signal the brain to produce melatonin and transition from wakefulness to restfulness. As adults, we know how our brains can shut down and how irritable we can become when we don't get a good sleep. Our kids feel the same way, only they don't have the developed coping mechanisms and maturity we do.

Prepare Everything in Advance

Request children get into the habit of choosing clothing the night before school, this eliminates additional decisions in the morning when bodies and minds are tired and more prone to meltdowns. Get them involved and eventually to assume the responsibility of packing their own lunch the night before school (yes, it's possible).

When to Consult a Psychologist

It's normal for some children to experience anxiety. Fortunately, this usually lessens within the first 3-4 weeks. However, if anxiety persists and other concerning behaviours emerge such as, sleep disturbance, school refusal, acting out or physical complaints (e.g., stomach aches and/or headaches), consult the teacher or counsellor. If issues don't resolve, it may be beneficial to seek services from a licensed psychologist who has experience with children and school assessments; we can help you understand your child's challenges and strengths and recommend interventions to support personal and academic success.



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Children and Dog Safety

How to say Hi to a Dog

It's summer, yeah! And kids and dogs are enjoying more outdoor time. As a veterinarian and dog trainer, I taught my children to behave appropriately around dogs... I thought. But even my son after asking and receiving permission to greet a dog from its owner, he has inappropriately and impulsively, grabbed the dog and hugged it around the neck with his face by the dog's teeth. We can't over teach our children to protect themselves and the dogs they encounter by behaving in a manner so no one ends up bitten or in serious trouble.

I will never forget the worst case of dangerous behavior I have ever seen by a person phobic about dogs. A very big sweet dog strolled into a bottle depot carrying a plastic jug hoping someone would throw it for him. The woman two stations over from me started screaming hysterically, swinging her arms, jumping up and down, and kicking out at the dog. This silly wonderful dog dropped his jug at her feet, sat down with his head cocked to one side, and looked over this mad woman, until we shooed him out of the depot. I tried to be sympathetic, but this woman's shrill screaming hurt my ears and made me want to bite her. If this dog had a fearful or aggressive bone in his body this woman was doing everything to potentially set him off. By teaching children how to behave when they encounter a stray dog, I hope they will never have a reason to be as fearful of dogs as this woman was.

If your child feels threatened by a stray dog they must not run. Dogs are predators and therefore have a strong chase reflex whether they are friendly or not. A friendly dog may chase a running child and inadvertently knock them down, but a dog with a strong prey drive may be incited to bite. BE A TREE! Your child should stand motionless wrapping their arms close to themselves. Do not make eye contact. Look away or even close your eyes. A dog may come and sniff them but would likely find this person uninteresting and wander away. Then the child should quietly walk to a responsible adult.

If the child is on the ground, BE A LOG! They can be a rolled up stone for that matter, but the same rules apply, arms wrapped around the body and motionless. No eye contact.

A child's high-pitched screams are often irritating or exciting to dogs. It goes against a child's need to cry for help, but trees, logs, and rocks are silent.

Never corner a dog, or any animal, to pet it. A trapped frightened animal is an animal that has had the choice removed to withdraw or run away, so its only remaining choice is to bite.

Do not assume you or your child can read a dog's intentions. Dogs about to bite may have their heads up, and wag their tails. Tail wagging has nothing to do with judging aggression. The dog my son was hugging radiated discomfort by panting, straining to get away, and pinning his ears back. Liam was oblivious to the dog's body language in his excitement to greet the dog. Forgetting the rules is part of being a child and most children love animals. Review the rules frequently and remind children their own dog is not the same as every other dog.

If your child does wish to pet a leashed dog, they must first ask permission of the owner, and then WAIT for permission to be granted. Finally, let the owner get control of the pet in a sit-stay or on a short leash prior to putting out your hand palm upward and below the dog's face. Scratch the dog's neck, do not place your face in the dog's face or hug the dog. Better yet ask the owner how their pet likes to be touched.

Teaching your children about dogs will stand them in good stead for life. Any animal bite must be reported to the authorities. By being smart with dogs and children we also create an atmosphere where our beloved dogs are welcome and accepted in the community.

Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

August and September in Fish Creek

A Taste of Autumn – Wine & Beer Tasting and Silent Auction Fundraiser
Friday, September 16, 2016; 6:30pm - 9:00pm
Meadow Muse Pavilion, Bow Valley Ranch, Fish Creek Provincial Park

Show your support for one of Calgary's most cherished green spaces by contributing to the Friends of Fish Creek's conservation efforts here in Fish Creek Provincial Park. Celebrate over 20 years of community based environmental stewardship in Fish Creek Provincial Park by attending A Taste of Autumn. Bid on amazing silent auction items, enjoy a variety of delicious appetizers, and meet with local producers of fine beer, wine and spirits. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase tickets. Sponsorship opportunities are available! To purchase tickets, contact the Friends of Fish Creek at 403-238-3841 or visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/event/autumn.

Autumn Birding Course

Autumn is a good time to begin birding. As the leaves drop off the trees, many of the smaller birds, which will be migrating, are much easier to see. All sessions are held in the great outdoors - in Fish Creek Provincial Park and other natural areas in Calgary. Outings are conducted by Gus Yaki, a lifelong naturalist who has birded around the world - and other experienced instructors. Each outing is approx. 2.5 hours. 15-week course starts Aug 29. Registration Required and fees apply. For course times and to register visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/birding-course

Painting in Fish Creek

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Painting in the Autumn Breeze: Sep. 14, 5:00 – 7:30 pm, Instructed by Sylvia Prochownik.

Paint What You See: Sep. 24, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Instructed by Jim Pescott.

For more info or to register for these or other Wellness programs, including Yoga, Qi Gong and Full Moon Meditations, visit: www.friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/wellness-clinics.

IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

St. Gerard School

I am delighted to be the new principal of St. Gerard, and feel very fortunate to have been invited into such a close-knit French Immersion community. I am very impressed by all the positive things that I have heard from Darlene Wozney about the school, the families, the educational staff, and the history.

I feel blessed and excited about this opportunity, and will continue to support all the initiatives in which the school community is invested. I trust that my efforts will mirror those of parents and students as we work with each other towards a great future in education.

Yours truly,
Christian Harries

Important Dates:

August 18th: Office Opens

September 1: For day of classes

September 1, 2 and 6: Kindergarten Staggered Entry

We look forward to enjoying our school community at a FAMILY BBQ on September 15. Details to follow.



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Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Evergreen MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
July 2016	\$467,000.00	\$462,000.00
June 2016	\$473,200.00	\$462,500.00
May 2016	\$476,700.00	\$463,000.00
April 2016	\$474,900.00	\$464,500.00
March 2016	\$439,900.00	\$437,000.00
February 2016	\$497,450.00	\$481,500.00
January 2016	\$473,900.00	\$462,000.00
December 2015	\$464,999.00	\$463,999.00
November 2015	\$488,900.00	\$473,000.00
October 2015	\$451,900.00	\$448,694.00
September 2015	\$514,950.00	\$507,500.00
August 2015	\$442,450.00	\$437,000.00

Last 12 Months Evergreen MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
July 2016	32	21
June 2016	50	34
May 2016	39	28
April 2016	35	27
March 2016	44	21
February 2016	24	14
January 2016	23	8
December 2015	5	15
November 2015	23	17
October 2015	26	18
September 2015	26	18
August 2015	29	26

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



Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes

By Dr. Alma Nenshi, Registered Chiropractor

It's back to school time and every parent wants their kids to thrive when it comes to handling the physical, emotional and intellectual stresses of the season. Address these key areas and watch your child flourish this school year!

Backpack Safety

Backpacks should be less than 15% of your child's weight, meaning a 65 lb child should carry less than 10 lbs of weight on their back. Many children carry too much weight for their growing bodies, placing undue stress on their neck, shoulders and spine, impacting brain functions and learning. Consider purchasing backpacks and other carriers that have wheels to do the job. These are becoming more and more popular and will save your child from pain, stiffness, focus, attention, and learning challenges.

Healthy Posture

Neurologist and Nobel Prize recipient, Dr. Roger Sperry said, "the spine is the motor that drives the brain" as 90% of all stimulation and nutrition to the brain comes from movement in the spine. He also said healthy brain function produces healthy posture. Improving your child's posture in turn improves their learning potential.

For every inch the head leans forward, there is an extra 10 lbs of downward pressure on the spine, which reduces activation of the frontal lobes of the brain necessary for learning. Chronic, low levels of spinal stress may also cause headaches, blurred vision, neck and shoulder tension, back pain, poor balance, muscle weakness, fatigue, poor digestion, allergies, bedwetting, poor attention and learning challenges, just to name a few. Regular chiropractic spinal adjustments can alleviate nerve stress and restore healthy movement of the spinal joints thereby improving stimulation and nutrition to the brain, which improves posture and learning.

Proper Footwear

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Other Healthy Tips

Lunches and snacks should include proteins, veggies and healthy fats with limited carbohydrates and sugars as these may affect focus and energy. Fish and poultry choices are healthier over red meats and pork. Consider packing an empty water bottle to fill at school. Screen time and cell phone activity causes physiological stress responses in children that may in turn affect learning, cardiovascular health, weight, digestion and hormones. Consider limiting screen time to less than 30 minutes a day. Promote at least one hour of physical activity per day but beware of over booking your child in too many extracurricular activities. Children need real down time to play by themselves or to read (not spent with TV or video games). Your child needs a minimum of 8 to 10 hours of uninterrupted, deep sleep, which may be encouraged with consistent wake up and bedtime routines.

Your nervous system is the master system of the body, responsible for all body functions and your family's learning potential. Take advantage of our free back to school family health screenings, including posture and computer gait examinations and start the school year hitting the ground running!

Everything Is Energy... and what does that mean for me?

By Marta Rabiej

Many of us have heard it said, and even repeated the phrase, "Everything is Energy." But what does that **truly** mean about us, our world, our beliefs, environment, and how **everything** comes to be? It means that every single thing in this universe is made up of energy — call it atoms, protons, molecules, etc, all the way down to the particle physics. The scientific world has validated what many in the spiritual world have known throughout time: "We are all connected." In this connectedness, we also exist or have the perception of individuation.

Each and every thing in existence has its very own unique vibratory signature.

Scientifically speaking, we can actually measure the waves of energy that form with anger, depression, happiness, joy, as well as the vibratory signature of every single thing in the known universe.

We can't see television waves, but we know they are there — whether we are conscious of them or not. We can turn on a television set and tune in to any one of these particular frequencies and see that a whole world exists within the bandwidth of just one station. Radio is the same way... and people throughout the world use cell phones and electricity every single day!

Well, nature has its own version of television — it's called **frequency**. **Everything** is Energy — therefore, **everything** has an energetic frequency!

The rate of speed at which our energy vibrates is called frequency. We can't see our energy in motion, because it vibrates extremely fast. Besides our physical energy we also have emotional, mental, and spiritual ones that affect our physical body. Our emotions and thoughts also carry frequency and most diseases are a result of the imbalances within these energy fields. Majority of the blockages form

during traumatic events in our lives that cause very strong feelings (low frequency emotions) such as fear, anger, emotional pain, self-doubt, judgement, sadness, resentment, shame, guilt, or grief. Those lower frequency emotions eventually become physical toxins at the cellular level, which produce disease.

We are a field of energy existing in a larger field, within a larger field, within a larger field, etc. Simply put, we can look at it using the example of living in a town, within a larger county, within a larger state, within a larger country, within a larger continent, within a larger world, etc. Within that world, through stress, tension, dis-ease, poverty, relationships, jobs, and a myriad of other scenarios — our fields, energy, and physical body itself can become muddled as our energy fields become distorted, imbalanced, disrupted, or damaged by belief systems, templates, thoughts, etc. As we take on this energy, we begin to create drag, imbalance, and resistance in our own energy that literally holds us in a pattern of lack and limitation throughout some or all areas of life!

The reverse is also true. Science has found that frequency is determined by the rate of vibration your atomic molecules are experiencing at any given time, and scientists have also found that the higher your vibration, the more positive emotions you experience. This creates a self-fulfilling cycle. You will attract and create whatever the dominant vibration of your field is. And just like a soup stock, what we put into our immediate environment — what we surround ourselves with — effects how we vibrate, how we feel, and what we are able to create and sustain! Attaining and **maintaining** high frequencies of love, health, radiance, abundance, joy, etc. — are critical for experiencing a life of **ease** and **joy**! This is "The Big Secret." It is also a universal law. Mastering your own frequency will turn you into a manifesting genius and you will truly astonish yourself and those around

Everything Is Energy...

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you with what you can achieve within a short span of time! But how do you become this manifesting genius? Where do you even start? How do you know what's holding you back? **How**, how, how, how? There are tons of questions you would want to ask at this moment, but let's start from determining what are the available energy healing methods that can aid you in this process.

Energy healing is nothing new. Throughout history, different cultures have benefitted by working with different forms of energy. Chinese have practiced Qi Gong and Tai Chi to get their energy moving for health and relaxation. In India, people have meditated and sought after Kundalini energy, to awaken it for self-awareness, a deeper understanding of consciousness, the universe, joy, knowledge, and love. In Japan, Reiki has healed countless people simply by working with their personal energy fields. Similar philosophy is used by a group of holistic professionals like Chiropractors, massage therapists, acupuncture/acupressure practitioners, reflexology practitioners, craniosacral therapy, hypnotherapy, or energy medicine practitioners, yoga practitioners and more. All of those practices can provide you with some of the answers you could benefit from. You can learn where your energy blockages are and take steps to remove them to balance your emotions, take control of your life, and live the life you were meant to have: full of joy, health, abundance, love, security, spiritual awareness.

I'm not saying that one session will perform miraculous results (which actually could happen), but it will be a small step towards them. I'm not saying that you have to drop everything and make drastic changes that will create chaos in your already difficult life. All I'm saying is that taking **one** small step will propel you towards huge benefits. All I'm saying is that **one** small step towards the intentional improvement can take you on a journey you never dreamt about, revealing the deeply hidden strengths, dreams and desires that can feel like you are becoming a new amazing person you did not even know you were.

Now that you know more about this Energy and how it can help you heal **your** life, think what your next step is going to be, or why you're not willing to take it. Unfortunately, there are no miracles without your own involvement. We all have a choice to either take action (however small) or give up and join the rest of those who are best at complaining, giving away your right to be the greatest version of **you**. Choose where you want to be and listen to your heart — it is the best indicator of what is the right thing to do for you.

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The Over-achieving Swainson's Hawk

Article by Cheryl Bowman and Andrea S. H. Hunt. Photo by Andrea S. H. Hunt

Swainson's Hawks are commonly seen raptors that live in southern Alberta from May – October. They are a medium sized hawk (50 centimetres long) that can be identified by a distinctive dark reddish bib on their chest, pointed wingtips (in flight) and dark bars on the underside of their tails. Swainson's Hawks live in prairie and grasslands, including crop and grazing lands.

Fun Facts:

- Swainson's Hawks have one of the longest migratory routes of any North American raptor.
- These hawks can travel over 20,000 km annually between their breeding grounds in Alberta and their wintering grounds in South America (Uruguay, Paraguay and Argentina).
- The diet of a Swainson's Hawk changes depending on the time of year.
- When nesting in the summer months, they eat rodents but Swainson's Hawks switch to grasshoppers in September and October (about 100 per day!) in order

to transition to their largely insectivore diet in South America.

- Look out for these hawks in farmer's fields in the autumn, chasing grasshoppers on foot!
- Swainson's Hawks are also known as locust or grasshopper hawks.
- Swainson's Hawks are protected under Alberta's *Wildlife Act*.
- A group of migrating or soaring hawks is called a kettle. A kettle can contain tens of thousands of individuals.
- A young hawk is called an eyas.

Did you know?

- Fledgling Swainson's Hawks are quite heavy and often crash on their first flight out of the nest, which can break their wings.

If you find an injured or orphaned Swainson's Hawk, please call our wildlife hotline 403-239-2488 or bring it to our wildlife hospital in the northwest of Calgary (www.calgarywildlife.org).

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, under the Building Safe Communities tab.



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IN & AROUND CALGARY

Centre Street Bridge celebrates 100-year anniversary

2016 marks the 100-year anniversary of one of The City of Calgary's most iconic landmarks – The Centre Street Bridge.

The Centre Street Bridge, which crosses the Bow River along Centre Street, has been a part of the city skyline since 1916 with its four arches, upper and lower traffic decks and lion sculptures.

It was built by The City of Calgary 100 years ago for \$375,000. It replaced the MacArthur Bridge, a steel truss bridge built in 1907 by land developer A.J. MacArthur who had acquired the land that would become Crescent Heights and wanted people to have easy access to it.

Local historian and author Harry Sanders says the original bridge was built without any consideration for alignment with the roads. "(MacArthur) gets some investors and forms a stock company and they build a little bridge. They have no permission to build this bridge. All they did was acquire the land at either end and built a bridge across it. He hopes people will now live in Crescent Heights, which they do."

Once the bridge was in use, they offered to sell it to The City for \$17,000, which The City turned down. Then they offered it for \$5,000 but taxpayers voted against purchasing it. Eventually, The City agreed to pay \$1,300 for it.

"But now The City is thinking about a beautiful new bridge as Calgary is undergoing an enormous period of growth and wealth," explains Sanders. "So, in 1914, rate-payers approved a plan to build a more modest bridge."

The Centre Street Bridge was opened to traffic on Dec. 18, 1916, 17 months after the original MacArthur bridge was destroyed in a flood in 1915.

Roads Director Troy McLeod says the bridge, which was constructed to be resilient, is now seen as a symbol of the strength in our city. "What has been consistent in Calgary over the past 100 years is the resilience of our

people and the Centre Street Bridge is a perfect reminder of this strength in our community," he says.

The Centre Street Bridge was protected as a Municipal Historic Resource in 1992. It is historically significant as the second oldest bridge to span the Bow River and has long-served as one of the main links between downtown Calgary and areas north of the Bow River. As such, it was instrumental in the early development of neighbourhoods north of the Bow River, especially Crescent Heights, Mount Pleasant, Tuxedo Park, Winston Heights and Renfrew.

To learn more about the Centre Street Bridge's 100-year anniversary, visit Calgary.ca/roads.



Workers on the bridge during its construction in 1916. Glenbow Archives



The Centre Street Bridge has long served as one of the main links between downtown Calgary and areas north of the Bow River. The first vehicles crossed the Centre Street Bridge on December 18, 1916. Pictured are City of Calgary Engineer George W. Craig, Bridge Designer John F. Greene along with driver Tom Homebrook. Glenbow Archives.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

New Bus Routes coming to northwest and inner city communities

Calgary Transit has completed a major review of 12 bus routes in the northwest and inner city and is excited to share the results with customers. Earlier this year new bus route proposals were shared online and at open houses, and feedback was collected from thousands of transit users and community stakeholders. Public input was incorporated as much as possible in designing the new bus routes.

To see the new bus routes that start on September 5, 2016, please visit calgarytransit.com/2016ServiceReview or join us at a public information session:

- Monday, August 15 at Bridgeland Riverside Community Association – 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 18 at Hillhurst Sunnyside Community Association – 5:00-8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 25 at Silver Springs Community Association – 5:30-8:30 p.m.

There will also be pop-up information sessions at Brentwood Station, Dalhousie Station, Crowfoot Station, Lions Park Station, the University of Calgary and SAIT. For dates and times, visit calgarytransit.com/2016ServiceReview.

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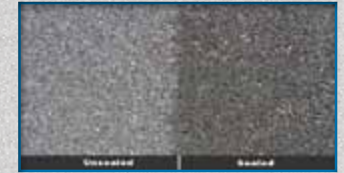
Arriving in a new city can be overwhelming. In Calgary, there are many resources and services to assist newcomers, community organizations to help you get settled, and immigrant serving agencies who can help if you're new to Canada.

The Newcomers Guide to Calgary (available in English and Arabic) provides important information for new residents in an easy to download and print format. For more information, visit calgary.ca/newcomers.

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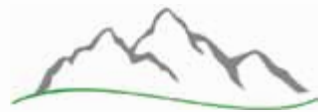
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August 26 to September 5 - Calgary Pride Parade and Festival: Celebrate Calgary's LGBTQ community and attend events during the Calgary Pride Festival. After watching the parade, head to Shaw Millennium Park for the free Pride In the Park festival. www.calgarypride.ca

September 1 - Easter Seals Drop Zone: On the first day of September, 120 brave Calgarians are facing their fear of heights. They'll rappel down the 30-storey Sun Life tower in support of the Easter Seals. www.thedropzone.ca

September 3 to 4 - X-Fest Calgary: This year, X-Fest has an impressive lineup of contemporary musicians. Headliners at the festival include Twenty One Pilots, The Lumineers, Halsey, Vance Joy and Arkells. www.xfestcalgary.com

September 9 - Calgary Night Market: Running roughly every second weekend, this night market is a chance to sample local food, shop at vendors' booths and listen to buskers and other live performers. www.facebook.com/events/1104858596212708

September 10 to 11 - One Love Music Festival: The One Love Music Festival is Western Canada's Largest Hip Hip Music Festival! Featuring Big Sean, Lil' Wayne, Tyler, The Creator and more. www.onelovefestival.ca

September 13 to October 1 - Waiting For the Parade: Waiting For the Parade is a Canadian production that centres around five Calgarian women living during the Second World War. www.atplive.com

September 14 to 18 - Beakerhead: Science and engineering meet art and design when Beakerhead takes over the city for its fourth year. There are going to be more than 60 events that combine science, engineering and art. www.beakerhead.com

September 20 - The YWCA Walk a Mile In Her Shoes: Each September, more than 200 men strap on high-heeled shoes to help raise awareness of family violence. Money raised supports the work that the YWCA of Calgary does to help break the cycle of domestic violence and keep women and children safe. www.ywcaofcalgary.com

September 21 to October 2 - Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF): The Calgary International Film Festival (CIFF) is a 12-day showcase of up to 200 multi-genre films from Canada and over 40 other countries. The festival hosts gala events, screenings, award ceremonies and special presentations. www.calgaryfilm.com



**IN & AROUND
CALGARY**

The scoop on dog poop

With 150 public off-leash areas and over 100,000 dogs in our city, it's clear Calgarians love their canine companions. What isn't to love is the stinky situation left behind when owners don't pick up after their pets.

Cleaning up your dog's waste helps keep our yards, parks and off-leash areas safe and healthy, and is part of being a responsible pet owner.

Here are five facts you may not know about doggy doo-doo:

1. It's classified as a hazardous pollutant. It's in the same category as toxic chemicals!
2. It's crawling with E. coli and often contains roundworm larvae which, if ingested by humans or dogs, can lead to brain, eye and other organ damage.
3. It's not a good fertilizer. Its high nutrient content is toxic to lawns and will create "hot spots" causing the grass to burn and discolour.
4. It doesn't absorb into the soil, so the risk of spreading its harmful effects can linger for years!
5. It attracts mice, coyotes and other wildlife that consider it a delicious snack.

Keeping our city pet-waste free is easy, if we all do our part. Always carry pet waste bags with you when you walk your dog, and pick up and properly dispose of your pet's waste as soon as possible.

To learn more about the importance of picking up after your pet, join us at a P.U.P.P.Y. (Pick Up Pooch's Poo Yourself) event near you. Visit calgary.ca/puppy for details.

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Chip in "Fore" Communities on August 12!

Support Calgary's community associations by joining the Federation of Calgary Communities on Friday, August 12 at the Canal at Delacour Golf Club for their 4th Annual Chip in Fore Communities Golf Tournament, presented by Save-on-Foods!

One of the most affordable golf tournaments in the city, at only \$160 for an individual or \$600 for a four-some, Chip in Fore Communities includes lunch, a round of golf with a power cart, a delicious dinner, amazing prizes, and most importantly, a day of fun!

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.

Visit calgarycommunities.com for more information or to register today!

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September 24 & 25

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Swimming in the Lower Elbow with log boom ca. 1920s

Swimming in the Lower Elbow ca. 1940-45's

Take A Dip Into The Lower Elbow River's Past

Calgary's First Public Swimming Facility

As those lazy-hazy-crazy days of summer start to wind down, we are reminded of the role that our lower Elbow River has played in providing the first safe and clean recreational swimming facility to Calgarians.

Before the Glenmore Dam was constructed in the 1930s, the flows on the lower Elbow provided enough water for swimming in summer and skating in winter. Today, flows are restricted by the dam, and gravel bars from flooding impede the experience. Storm water emptying into the Elbow River, downstream of the Glenmore Dam is untreated, carrying with it sediments, contaminants, and bacteria from roads, yards, and pets, making it less attractive for taking a dip, unlike earlier days when the crystal clear waters from the Rae Glacier and clean overland runoff reached all the way to the heart of Calgary.

William Reader, Calgary's visionary Parks Superintendent (1913-42), was an advocate of public recreation, an avid swimmer, and member of the Calgary Swimming Club. Reader directed the development of the City's first river-side swimming facility near Elbow Drive and 30th Ave SW in 1914; first with safety ropes then the construction of the dressing rooms building in 1922. The building doubled as a skate change shack in winter. "The addition of booms in the river, play equipment (including an outdoor checker board), washrooms attached to the building, a fountain, pathways and ornamental plantings further enhanced the attractiveness of the Grounds. Until interest shifted to constructed swimming pools in the 1940s, the Elbow Park Swimming Pool was the most popular swimming place in the inner city and second only to the lagoon at Bowness

Park in numbers of users. Attendance records for 1933 include the observation: "the number at the Elbow Swimming [Pool] was so great that no record could be kept." Reader aligned the use of the pool with the swimming programs of institutions like the YMCA and YWCA.

No longer in use, the historic one-storey, wood -frame, gable-roofed dressing room building and veranda, painted forest green with white trim, remains a familiar landmark along Elbow Drive. The Elbow Park Swimming Pool and Grounds was designated a Municipal Historic Resource in 2014.

Source: *City of Calgary Inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources*
Photo credit: *Glenbow Archives*

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. Follow us on [facebook.com/S2Gplus](https://www.facebook.com/S2Gplus)

AUGUST MOON CALENDAR

	New Moon Aug 2		First Quarter Aug 10
	Full Moon Aug 18		Last Quarter Aug 24

Save with budget-friendly summer family fun



(NC) Who says an amazing, memorable summer with the family needs to cost a bundle? This year, plan to save with these budget-friendly tips and tricks everyone in your gang is sure to love.

1. Stay cool. Does anything say summer more than sun and swim? Playing in the water is a free way to make the most out of those long sunny days you're sure to miss in the fall. Visit the splash pad in your local park, go for a swim in your community pool, or if you live close to a beach or lake, make a day of it and bring a picnic.

2. Do it yourself, literally. Embrace the DIY trend and spend an afternoon making that antique-look shelf you've always admired on Pinterest. Or grab the little ones and find a kid friendly-friendly project online, like a fairy door they can help decorate or funky animals made out of paper plates.

3. Take advantage of summer promos. Many companies offer great deals so you can enjoy their products and services throughout the season. Get a season pass at your city's amusement park or zoo, or join a hotel rewards program where you can earn points on every last-minute trip and use them for free stays later. For example, the Marriot Rewards program is

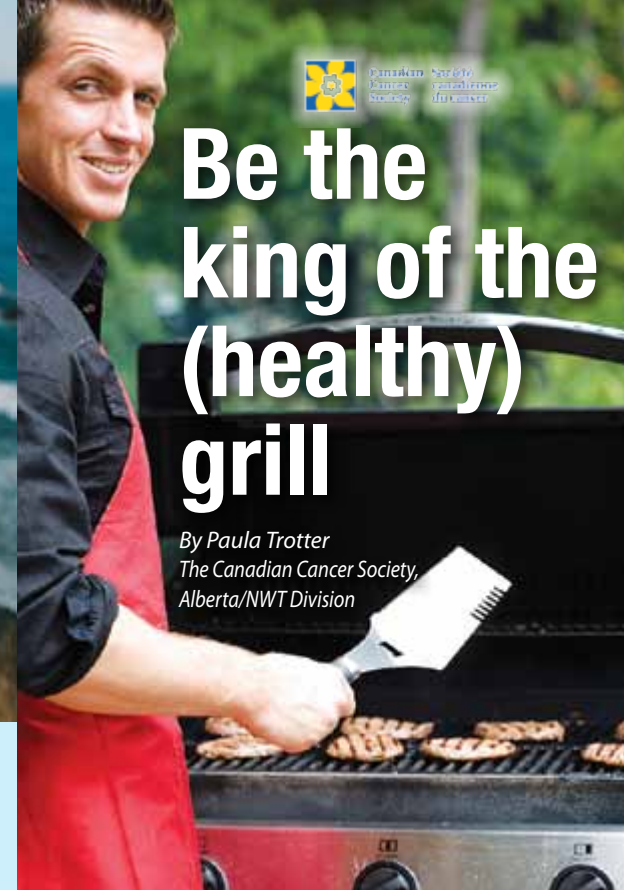
offering members a summer bonus that lets you earn additional bonus points on hotel stays this summer and enters you into their sweepstakes for a chance to win even more points for future stays. Also good to know: You get the best rates when you book directly on the hotel's website.

4. Check out local events and festivals. Towns and cities love to celebrate with special events, many of which are free or pay-what-you-can. Catch a Shakespeare-in-the-park production, bring your furry best friend to a dog festival, or try your new favourite food at a multicultural celebration.

5. Plan an upcycle swapping party. Invite your friends with kids of any age over for some fun and trading. Trade gently-used toys that have gone out of favour and clothes that don't fit anymore for an affordable way to freshen up their treasure chests and wardrobes. Older kids can swap video games and costume jewellery.

Find more ways to save and earn hotel rewards points this summer at www.marriott.com/rewards/promotion.mi?promotion=SB16.

www.newscanada.com



Be the king of the (healthy) grill

By Paula Trotter
The Canadian Cancer Society,
Alberta/NWT Division

Canadians love to grill.

And rightfully so – there's nothing quite like a summer barbecue with family and friends.

So I know being told to limit barbecuing meat can be tough to hear. But studies have shown that eating a lot of well-done and charred meat cooked at high temperatures may increase your risk of developing certain cancers, such as colorectal cancer.

That's because cooking meat, poultry and fish at high temperatures – including barbecuing, broiling and frying – creates chemicals that are associated with an increased risk of developing cancer.

I'm not telling you to stop grilling outright – instead, cut back on how much barbecued meat you eat.

And when you do fire up the barbecue, follow these Canadian Cancer Society tips to safely prepare your grilled food:

- Marinate meat, poultry and fish in vinegar or lemon juice and your favourite herbs before cooking. This will reduce the formation of the chemicals that increase the risk of cancer.
- Choose lean cuts of meat, poultry and seafood over higher-fat meat, and trim off any visible fat (including the skin from poultry). This will reduce the amount of harmful chemicals from the smoke created by burning fats.
- Barbecue slowly and prevent charring by keeping the food away from the hot coals so that flames are less likely to engulf the food.
- Skewer a kebab. Smaller cuts of meat cook faster, which means there is less time for chemicals to form.
- Partially cook your meat before throwing it on the grill. The less time your meat is on the grill, the less it will be exposed to chemicals.

Bonus tip: Learn to enjoy slow cooking. Choose to cook your meats at lower temperatures by braising, stewing, steaming or roasting more often. Then serve with a side of barbecued vegetables – most experts agree plant-based foods do not form cancer-causing chemicals when cooked at high temperatures. Grilled fruit is also delicious for dessert.

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10 Common Questions About Hail Damage

Submitted by Alberta Allied Roofing Association

How I do I know if I have hail damage to my roof?

Can I tell from the ground?

If you've had hail in your area, to determine if the shingles have been damaged a close inspection of the shingles has to be made from the roof. Usually you cannot tell from the ground.

If I think I have hail damage what should I do?

Call your insurance company and ask for an adjuster to come inspect your roof for hail damage. Call a reputable roofing company and ask for the same inspection. If there are any discrepancies between the adjuster's findings and the roofer's findings you may call for a "RE-INSPECTION" where your adjuster meets with the roofer to go over the roof together. Re-inspections are very common.

The insurance company must determine two things when assessing the amount of your loss:

- Was there sufficient damage to the roof to declare it a total loss? (Usually determined by 10 verified hail hits per 100 square feet.)
- What is the size of the roof and how many shingles will be needed to replace the roof

What does hail do to a roof?

Shingles are designed so that the granules block the UV of the sun and protect the asphalt underlayment. As the shingles age the granules fall off over time. As the asphalt is exposed the UV, it dries out and the shingle gets a "potato chip" appearance as the corners start to curl up. A shingle at the extreme end of its life is bubbled in appearance and is brittle to the touch. A 20-year shingle is warranted by the manufacturer to have a useful life, under optimal ventilation conditions, of 20 years.

Hail does several things:

- Accelerates granule loss
- Accelerates shingle aging.
- Voids manufacturer's warranties
- Leads to other associated problems

Do I need to get my roof replaced right away?

The insidious nature of hail damage is that it may pose no immediate threat to the structural integrity of the roof. However, many insurance companies have a "statute of limitations" of how long a hail claim is viable. If you have experienced a loss such as hail damage it is prudent to take care of the problem in a timely manner before it leads to other associated problems.

What does hail hit look like?

A hail hit on a shingle looks like a "bruise" or a dark spot where the granules on the shingle have been knocked off and the asphalt underlayment and sometimes the fiberglass mat is exposed. New hail hits will have a shiny appearance because the asphalt has been freshly exposed and has not had time to weather to a dull color.

Why would my insurance company replace my roof?

The purpose of homeowner's insurance is to protect homeowners against losses in their property's value due to damage that is beyond their control. If you have hail damage, you have experienced a financial loss in that your original investment of a 20-year roof (for example) has now been reduced to a 5-10 year useful life span. Your insurance company will compensate you for your loss and replace your roof.

Why does the estimate read that there are more shingles to replace than there are to remove?

The amount of shingles to remove from your roof is the actual amount of square feet that it takes to shingle your

10 Common Questions About Hail Damage...cont'd

roof. However, when putting on shingles, some shingles have to be cut to fit dimensions, ridges, hips and valleys. The insurance company adds 10% to regular ridge roofs and 15% to hip and ridge roofs to account for the loss of shingles.

My gutters and siding were damaged and the insurance company paid me for how many linear feet had to be replaced. When I called a contractor they had a minimum fee that was far in excess of the small amount the insurance company paid me. What can I do?

Your insurance company understands minimum charges such as these and has set prices they are prepared to pay as minimum charges for all trades. They do not give you the minimum charge up front because such a large percentage of their customers never call a contractor and just pocket the money. If you call your adjuster and ask for the minimum charge for the work, they will pay it without any hesitation.

In my adjustment, my insurance company deducted some money for depreciation, what is that all about?

Different insurance companies call the amount that they hold back different things. Some call it depreciation; other companies figure it in as a dump and removal fee. What it represents is the amount of money the company will hold back until they receive a signed contract from you and a contractor for the work. When they receive a signed contract, you will receive another check for the amount they have held back.

My insurance adjuster said there was no hail damage on his first inspection, I asked The Roofing Company, Inc.'s estimator to call him and request to walk through a re-inspection with him. On the re-inspection the adjuster concluded that there was hail damage and "totalled" the roof. Why such a dramatic turn around?

There are many different reasons that this happens so often. Sometimes adjusters get to a roof too soon after the actual damage and the hits haven't had a chance to weather yet. Sometimes the adjusters are inexperienced. Sometimes they were tired after looking at so many roofs that day. Sometimes they just make mistakes. The best results for the benefit of homeowner seem to be obtained when an experienced roofer walks through the inspection with the insurance adjuster and calls to the adjuster's attention any damage that he sees.

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Looking for free entertainment this summer?

The City's summer concert series, Music in the Park, is back! Enjoy free live music with family and friends in beautiful parks around the city throughout July and August. Events will feature different artists from a variety of musical genres that are sure to get you movin' and groovin' this summer.

Check out calgary.ca/parks for an event near you, then pack a picnic lunch, grab a blanket and settle in for some great entertainment.

Community Standards Bylaw Review

The Community Standards Bylaw promotes clean, safe, healthy communities by regulating neighbourhood nuisances like yard maintenance, noise, and fire pit use. The bylaw allows Calgary Community Standards to partner with Calgarians to build better communities and better communities build happiness.

The City is reviewing the Community Standards Bylaw to ensure that it still meets the needs of citizens. We want your feedback, please send your ideas to improve the Community Standards Bylaw to CSBreview@calgary.ca. Let's continue making communities across the city the best they can be.

Get Moving This Summer!

Did you know that The City of Calgary has a variety of free and affordable community programs and events for families, youth and seniors this summer?

Don't sit at home. Get out and get moving! Take advantage of hundreds of community programs and events organized by The City.

Visit Calgary.ca/GetMoving to find an activity that's right for you!

IN & AROUND CALGARY

Property Tax Assistance Program

Property Tax Assistance Program: Help is available. The City of Calgary may provide a grant/credit of the increase in residential property taxes from 2015 to 2016.

To be eligible, the applicant must:

- Experience an increase in property taxes from 2015 to 2016.
- Live in the principal residence for a minimum of one year.
- Own no other property.
- Must meet low income guidelines of the Fair Entry Program. Visit calgary.ca/FairEntry or call 311.
- Provide an acceptable proof of household income for all members 18 years of age and older. Visit calgary.ca/FairEntry or call 311.
- Apply for the grant/credit by **Dec. 1, 2016**. Visit calgary.ca/FairEntry or call 311.
- Even if you are not eligible for the Property Tax Assistance Program, we may be able to help you access other community resources.

Please note: Even though an application has been made to the Property Tax Assistance Program, all property taxes must be paid in full by the due date, June 30, 2016, to avoid a seven per cent penalty.

For more information, or to apply, please contact 311 or visit calgary.ca/FairEntry.

Subsidies are available for City services

Need help accessing City of Calgary programs, services or facilities? The City has several programs that are offered at a subsidized rate for Calgarians who may have trouble affording them. The new Fair Entry process makes applying for fee subsidized City-services easier.

One application allows Calgarians to have their income level assessed for several subsidy programs and services. Apply for:

1. Calgary Transit Low-Income Transit Pass Program
2. Recreation Fee Assistance Program
3. Property Tax Assistance Program
4. No Cost Spay/Neuter Program
5. Seniors Services Home Maintenance

For more information or to apply, visit calgary.ca/fairentry.

How will Calgary's main streets evolve in the future?

The City's Main Streets initiative has heard from Calgarians like you. In addition to considering your input, City planners have been working with economic research experts and industry partners to understand what the market demand, opportunities and challenges are for development in main street areas.

To see what The City learned about your main street neighbourhood through this work, visit calgary.ca/mainstreets.

Upcoming opportunities to get involved"

There will be more opportunities to share your input about the future of Calgary's main streets in the fall.

Visit calgary.ca/mainstreets to become a subscriber and receive email updates about event dates and online input opportunities.

Community Standards Bylaw Review

The Community Standards Bylaw promotes clean, safe, healthy communities by regulating neighbourhood nuisances like yard maintenance, noise, and fire pit use. The bylaw allows Calgary Community Standards to partner with Calgarians to build better communities and better communities build happiness.

The City is reviewing the Community Standards Bylaw to ensure that it still meets the needs of citizens. We want your feedback, please send your ideas to improve the Community Standards Bylaw to CSBreview@calgary.ca. Let's continue making communities across the city the best they can be.

Vision for Chinatown

The City of Calgary is undertaking a scoping project and public engagement around the vision for Chinatown to better understand issues, opportunities and outcomes that are important to the community.

Engagement activities are planned for this summer. Visit engage.calgary.ca/planningchinatown to get involved and learn more.

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Located in the Professional Wing of the Oakridge Co-Op Mall



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Exciting News

The Board of Directors would like to introduce Debra Armstrong as the new Executive Director for the SouthWest Communities Resource Centre. With a background in Social Work and Non-Profit Management her leadership has contributed to the impact of numerous programs and services throughout Alberta. She is excited to work with families throughout 28 local communities and provide a range of programs and services that will meet the needs of children, youth and parents. Come by our office and say hello.

Summer Fun

Chat N' Play

Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30.

This is a fun gathering of parents and tots who are looking for opportunities to socialize and connect with other parents. Coffee will be on, but childcare will not be provided.

Volunteering in your community

- **Casino shifts available on October 1st and 2nd. At Cash Casino.** Please help our agency raise needed dollars to support our neighbours. The gift of your time means so much to so many families. (Must be over the age of 18 to volunteer at a casino).
- If you have a professional skill that you would like to offer as a volunteer, we want to talk to you! We are looking for people who can donate time to help with the following areas and roles: our social media, volunteer management, web design, graphic artists, photographers, parenting group assistants and morning child care once a week. **Please contact our office if you would like to help.**

Donations

Neighbours Helping Neighbours:

- Do you know anyone giving away high quality office furniture? We are seeking three office desks, white boards, and credenza.
- More than ever your neighbors' are requesting our support. The demand for basic needs for many young families has increased over the last year. We are seeking donations for baby diapers, pull-ups and wipes, baby shampoo and formula, personal hygiene products and feminine hygiene products.
- If you are unable to purchase these items, consider making an **online donation** so that the SWCRC can continue to help those who require a helping hand. Visit www.swcrc.ca for more information.

Cottage Hand-off

Suzanne Smith-Demers – Consultant

The hand-off. It's the simplest play in a football coach's playbook. But as any sports fan knows, even the simplest play can go wrong for any number of reasons. The same could be true of your family cottage hand-off.

To help you avoid potential obstacles like excessive taxation and maybe even some surprising opposition, here's how to perform a cottage hand-off that ensures it will stay in your family's hands for a long time.

Call the right play

A successful hand-off starts with everyone on your "team" being on side. Talk to all of your family to see if there are those who do not want ownership responsibilities, you can help avoid future family squabbles by solving them now.

Elude potential blockers

Plan now to manage future tax liabilities. When you die, you're deemed to have disposed of your capital assets at fair market value – meaning that your heirs could face significant tax on the appreciation of the cottage.

A less-taxing hand-off

Transfer the property to your kids while you are alive, either as an outright gift or by selling it to them at fair market value. Payments can be made receivable over a five year period and claim the capital gains reserve, so that only 20% of the capital gain is taxable in any one year. Also, consider using the principal residence.

Alternatively, transfer the property to a trust to trigger an immediate capital gain. Future capital gains on the property will then accrue and not be payable until the property is sold.

Insure your hand-off

Cover cottage capital gains – and other estate debts – with permanent life insurance. A tax-free death benefits can provide an essential source of cash so your family won't be forced to sell assets, such as your cottage.



Residents of partnered communities' pay 20% less for memberships than those who reside outside partnered communities. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see www.tricocentre.ca to find out more.

August at Trico Centre

Trico Centre for Family Wellness is a non-profit, community-owned and operated recreation facility. Our memberships are affordable and our programs are family-friendly. With a membership, you can work out in the fitness centre, take more than 70-drop-in fitness classes a week (more than 55 in the summer months), use the gymnasium, skate, or play shinny, plus with a membership you get 20% off our fun, active registered programs. Residents of communities partnered with Trico Centre (yours!) pay 20% less for a Trico Centre membership with presentation of a community association membership or payment of the Community Support Fee (which is sent to your community association.)

Pool Grand Opening

This month we're excited to announce the re-opening of our pool (anticipated project completion of Aug 15, 2016). Once open, the pool will be available for members and patrons to drop-in and enjoy. Programmed swim lessons will begin in September.

At a projected cost of over 4.25 million (provided through government grants and lifecycle and reserve funds), aquatic centre improvements include: Myrtha pool liner (one of 2 in Alberta to have this technology), pool deck tile replacement, hot tub with expanded capacity, new play spray features, re-gelling of the waterslide, ceiling tiles to reduce sound reverberation, replacement of upper windows to energy efficient, glare-resistant panes and replacement of lighting to energy-efficient LED fixtures.

Summer Fun for Children & Youth

Summer Day Camps: Trico Centre is known for its summer camps. Want your child to have fun *and* learn over the summer? Quality themed camps. 3-14 yrs, weekly or daily, full day, half, day, pre and post care. See the Summer Program Guide or check www.tricocentre.ca for all the details.

Summer drop-ins include Drop-In Playtime (walking and up, Thursdays, 5-6:30pm), Drop-In Craft (2 yrs and up, Tuesdays, 5-6:30pm) Drop-In Dodgeball (15 yrs +, Wednesday, 7:15-8:15pm.) Check the Summer 2016 Program Guide for details.

Fall/Winter Program Guide and Registration

Member registration begins August 2 and 3 (ongoing.) General Public: August 4 and ongoing. Trico has something for everyone! Swimming lessons, skating lessons, adult fitness, older adult fitness and wellness, parent & tot, preschool, children & youth. Lots of new programs; see www.tricocentre.ca for a pdf of the Fall/Winter Program Guide or pick up a copy at Trico Centre.

New for Fall: Adults

Ballet Barre Blast: A unique blend of dance, Pilates, yoga, and cardio moves—it's a kick for the midline, glutes, and legs. Myofascial Stretch and Release: Maximize your mobility and reduce pain. Also new is The Focus Series - Goal-focused small groups that are affordable and fun! Groups include fat burning, healthy back & joints, basics, power lifting and strength training.

New for Fall: Tots/Preschoolers

Combo classes: Art N' Gymnastics (4-6 yrs), Funky Fridays (3-5 yrs) - Each week focuses on a different theme inspired by science experiments, music, cooking, crafts, or sports, and includes a supervised dip in the pool for the last half hour. Kangaroos and Crocodiles (3-5 yrs.) Get ready, get wet...go! This program starts in the gym with games, sports, songs, and tons of fun—and finishes up with a swim lesson!

New for Fall: Youth

Hip Hop (6-10 yrs): learn how to Hip Hop to the beat in this grooving dance class. Gym n' Swim Fridays (6-10 yrs & 10-14 yrs): This high-energy program starts with active games and play in the gym and ends with free water play in the pool! Perfect fun for Friday!

Trico Centre is located at 11150 Bonaventure Drive SE. Residents of partnered communities' pay 20% less for memberships than those who reside outside partnered communities. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see www.tricocentre.ca to find out more.



IN & AROUND CALGARY

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. This helps to ensure embers, sparks or smoke don't harm anyone or cause a nuisance to your neighbours.
5. Only burn clean, dry firewood. **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
6. 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.
7. All fires in your fire pit must never be left unattended.

Aside from safety considerations, not following these rules can lead to fines of \$500, \$1000 or even \$5000. For more information, go to Calgary.ca/fire.

Flood Resiliency

The City is committed to making Calgary a safe, flood resilient community. The 2013 flood caused significant social and economic disruption and unprecedented damages. The road from recovery to resiliency is a complex, long term process over many years with short, medium and long term milestones.

We've Recovered

We are building back stronger from the 2013 flood. 75% of the 217 flood recovery projects have been completed and many of them have flood resiliency improvements.

For example, our riverbanks are stabilized and stronger. With all critical and high-priority sites completed and all moderate priority sites to be completed by 2017, Calgary is at less risk of riverbank erosion, has greater flood level protection and is able to reduce damages from smaller, more frequent flood events.

We're Prepared

To make Calgary more resilient to future events, The City is implementing the 27 recommendations from the Expert Management Panel on River Flood Mitigation.

- 8 recommendations completed
- 17 recommendations in progress
- 2 recommendations to be started next year

For example, The City is making infrastructure improvements to the Glenmore Dam, including increasing the height of its gates. In 2019, Calgary will have new steel gates and an elevated hoist system on the Glenmore Dam. This will allow The City greater flexibility to mitigate flood events and reduce damages downstream of the dam including the downtown core, while increasing Calgary's water supply.

We're Moving Forward

We recognize the significant scale of impact and the considerable investments needed for further flood mitigation. To ensure we have the best suite of mitigation measures and adequate funding The City is working with Calgarians, stakeholders and other orders of government on additional flood mitigation solutions.

For additional details on how we have recovered, are prepared and moving forward, please visit calgary.ca/floodinfo.

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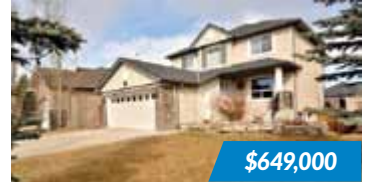
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