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### Board Meetings

are held the second Wednesday of each month | **NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2016**  
Annual Community Memberships \$35 Tennis Membership \$35

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Paul McCormick

### Volunteers Make Glendale Vibrant

It's already February and it seems like Christmas and New Year's were just here. The rinks and skating oval are going strong. Turtle Hill as always has some of the best tobogganing around. If you get a chance, take a walk on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, it's pretty magical to watch all the happy faces from babies to grandparents enjoying our community gathering places that make Glendale/Glendale Meadows a special place.

I'm not sure if everyone knows how many volunteer hours go into maintaining our facilities and programs, but suffice to say it's a lot — at least hundreds, maybe thousands of hours. I have to say thank you to all those volunteers who keep coming out and doing such an incredible job.

Special thanks to our board volunteers who set the direction for the things we do in Glendale. Operating a community association is something our board does on behalf of all 1,100 households in Glendale. We keep the hall maintained and in tip-top shape for the Glendale Community Preschool, for youth programs such as Guides and Scouts, for groups looking to rent the hall for social functions and business meetings. Not only does it take volunteers to build this vibrant centre, it takes money and planning.

In January, board members gathered at the hall for a business planning session facilitated by Hayley Saunders, our community liaison from the City of Calgary. We developed drafts of a mission and vision statement and set priorities and plans in place to make sure we do everything we can to keep our facilities in good repair with enough money to fund our operations. We will publish our plans and priorities in the Thumper as they are finalized.

It is expensive to cover the costs of utilities, maintenance and insurance. Our insurance alone is over \$6,000 a year.

And there are limited sources for funding our operations. Our major source of revenue is Alberta Lottery funds generated by Glendale volunteers who work at a casino. This year's casino takes place March 21-22 when we need more than 40 volunteers. If you've never been on one of our crews, now's the time to sign up. You'll have

a great time for a great cause. And I can't stress how important this event is.

Our \$35 membership fee is another key source of revenue, but we need stronger participation from every household in Glendale. Less than 20 per cent of households typically buy their annual community membership. Just \$35 a year is not much to ask homeowners living in our great community. We have a membership drive coming up and we'll let you in on plans for a great prize one lucky community member will receive.

Whether you use the community facilities or not, they add to the value of every property in Glendale. If we let our facilities get run down or don't maintain them it could be a different story.

We will be running several social functions throughout the year, including our first awesome Winter Bash on January 30, Glendale Community Preschool Snow Day on February 6, our summer Stampede Breakfast and Sports Day in September. They aren't big money makers, but they are awesome community builders. Make sure you come out to meet your neighbours and enjoy everything Glendale has to offer.

Next time you are walking your dog, dropping your kids at school, Scouts or Guides, lacing up your skates, tobogganing, playing ball, or just driving through Glendale, slow down and take a closer look at what really makes our community the best little town in the big city. You do.



# Glendale mybabysitterlist

Name	Age	Contact	Course
Laikyn	12	403-702-5316	Yes
Hannah	12	403-207-1794	Yes
Victoria	12	403-697-3282	Yes
Amélie	12	403-988-8568	Yes
Annabel	12	403-616-6489	Yes
Roman	12	403-464-3696	Yes
Mikaela	12	403-710-7006	Yes
Connor	12	403-483-0828	Yes
Lev	12	587-891-7789	Yes
Lev	12	587-891-7789	Yes
Zachary	12	403-984-7775	Yes
Dylan	12	403-263-7833	Yes
Kayla	12	403-271-3611	Yes
Ellen	12	403-532-1010	Yes
Karina	12	403-454-1185	Yes

Kaiya	12	403-805-1446	Yes
Justin	12	403-456-0712	Yes
Jordan	12	403-274-6910	Yes
Evelyn	12	403-475-0919	Yes
Everett	12	403-663-1963	Yes
Hanna	12	587-580-5733	Yes
Anabelle	13	403-462-9281	Yes
Sivana	13	403-453-1092	Yes
Sienna	13	403-240-1128	Yes
Andreea	13	403-202-5610	Yes
Angeline	13	403-275-0344	Yes
Anika	13	403-923-3513	Yes
Sarah	13	403-246-8444	Yes
Sandra	13	403-207-4409	Yes
Samuel	13	403-294-0519	Yes

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**Glendale Community Preschool**  
with support from the Glendale Community Association presents...

**Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
**11am to 4pm**  
**Glendale Community Hall**  
**2405 Glenmount Drive SW**

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- ☐ Annual Membership Rates: \$35 per family
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| Social Functions <input type="checkbox"/>  | Casino <input type="checkbox"/>         |
| Administration <input type="checkbox"/>    | Special Events <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Thumper <input type="checkbox"/>       | Other <input type="checkbox"/>          |

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### Glendale Real Estate Update Last 12 Months Glendale MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2015	\$649,900	\$600,000
November 2015	\$620,900	\$602,666
October 2015	\$533,266	\$503,333
September 2015	\$529,900	\$529,900
August 2015	\$629,450	\$617,000
July 2015	\$599,900	\$594,000
June 2015	\$624,900	\$608,750
May 2015	\$652,000	\$648,500
April 2015	\$549,900	\$531,500
March 2015	\$662,400	\$639,550
February 2015	\$614,950	\$628,000
January 2015	\$595,825	\$585,275

### Last 12 Months Glendale MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
December 2015	2	1
November 2015	4	3
October 2015	5	3
September 2015	4	1
August 2015	5	2
July 2015	2	1
June 2015	2	2
May 2015	1	2
April 2015	3	2
March 2015	7	2
February 2015	2	2
January 2015	2	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>25</b>

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





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Winter in Calgary is unlike anywhere else in Canada. Bitter cold and blowing snow can be followed up the next day with chinook winds melting it all away. Even with those chinook winds, sometimes winter can get to us.

I find one of the best ways to kick the wintertime blues is to get out in the community and take advantage of some of the snowy weather recreational activities that this city has to offer.

While I like taking advantage of the mountains close by for skiing, with so many community skating rinks scattered throughout Calgary Currie, you don't need to go far to enjoy the benefits of living in such a great place as Calgary.

February is the Heart and Stroke foundation's Heart month. It is important to remember to stay physically active for both our bodies and our minds. The Heart and

Stroke Foundation recommends that adults do at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity per week, in bouts of 10 minutes or more. The activity doesn't have to be non-stop, nor does it need to be strenuous. You can do 10 minutes or more at a time throughout the day to reach your daily total. A brisk 10 minute walk during lunch, playing for 10 minutes with your kids after work, and then another 15 minutes walking your dog in the evening. Five minutes here and there add up to better health.

If you're like me and sometimes like a bit more excitement, there is little that exemplifies the Canadian spirit more than a game of pickup shinny at the outdoor community rink where coming together for community recreation has no need for formal organization. All it takes is people coming together to have fun.

I love the sense of community these rinks bring to our city, and despite my busy schedule with my work at the Legislature in Edmonton, I spend as much time as I can at these meeting places at the heart of our communities. You may have seen me out there over the past couple months warming people up with coffee and hot chocolate, and if you keep your eyes open, you might catch me out there again before the end of skating season.



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### 2016 Property Tax Assessment

It is that time of year again. As the Ward 6 Office often receives your inquiries around property taxes this time of year, I wanted to share with you some helpful information regarding your property tax assessment. The 2016 assessment notices were mailed on January 5, 2016 and your 2016 assessment information is available on [www.calgary.ca/assessmentsearch](http://www.calgary.ca/assessmentsearch). The customer review period runs until March 7, 2016. Until this date, property and business owners are able to inquire about their assessment value if they have any questions or concerns. If you have any questions or would like to make changes to your assessed value, please do so by March 7, 2016. You can also visit [www.calgary.ca/propertytax](http://www.calgary.ca/propertytax) for important dates, bill and account information, as well as payment information.

### Other reminders to note:

- Property taxes are due June 30, 2016. A 7% late payment penalty will be applied to any unpaid portion of property taxes on July 1 and October 1. Further penalties of 1% will be added the first day of each month to any portion remaining unpaid after December 31, 2016.
- The deadline does not apply to property owners who pay monthly through The City's Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPP). More than 240,000 property owners pay their taxes monthly through TIPP. Property owners can join TIPP at any time by visiting the Web site at [www.calgary.ca/TIPP](http://www.calgary.ca/TIPP) to request an application or calling 311.
- Help is available to assist eligible low-income homeowners who meet income guidelines and eligibility criteria, regardless of age. The 2016 Property Tax Assistance program will accept applications to the program starting on June 1. For more information or to download an application form, go to [www.calgary.ca/fairentury](http://www.calgary.ca/fairentury).
- The Alberta Seniors Property Tax Deferral program allows eligible senior homeowners to defer all or part of their property taxes through a low-interest home

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### City Hall 101

You are invited to learn about the inner workings of Council and its Committees! This workshop presentation is designed to throw open the doors of your municipal government. Sign up for the next City Hall 101 on March 7, 2015 from 4 – 6:30 p.m. To learn more about this opportunity and register, please visit [www.calgary.ca/CityHall101](http://www.calgary.ca/CityHall101).

### Upcoming Councillor Chats

Councillor Chats are an opportunity for you to meet with your Councillor to discuss any issues that are important to you. Please join me for an informal conversation on **March 5, 2016 from 9:30–11 a.m. at Glamorgan Community Association (Seminar Room)** or **April 14, 2016 from 5–7 p.m. at West Side Recreation (Party Room)**. You can also stay up-to-date by signing up for the Ward 6 Report, my bi-monthly email update for residents about community news and projects impacting Ward 6 communities at [www.calgary.ca/ward6connect](http://www.calgary.ca/ward6connect).

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I am pleased to provide my first accounting to constituents as the new Member of Parliament for Calgary Signal Hill. On October 19th, the political landscape changed in Canada but in Calgary Signal Hill the residents elected to endorse the Conservative Party of Canada and myself.

First, I want to express my thanks and gratitude for the support of confidence that I received. I would like to thank the hundreds of volunteers who worked on our campaign and those who donated personally in so many ways. I also want to express my thanks and good wishes to the other candidates from the riding who sought election especially, Kerry Cundal of the Liberal party, Khalis Ahmed of the New Democrats and Taryn Knorren for the Green party. Being a candidate in a general election requires a lot of hard work, time and money, especially in a campaign as long as this one. Each of the other candidates should be thanked for ensuring voters had a choice in our democratic process.

Currently our new constituency office is in the process of being renovated and we expect we will be open for business very soon but in the interim if you have an issue that requires attention please contact our office in Ottawa at 1-613-992-3066 or [ron.liepert@parl.gc.ca](mailto:ron.liepert@parl.gc.ca).

In the aftermath of a long election campaign, combined with the Christmas holiday period, the House of Commons only met for seven days in early December, resuming the spring session in late January. Our interim leader Rona Ambrose has appointed me as a member of the House of Commons Standing Finance Committee which has oversight over Government spending and holds consultations with Canadians regarding the federal budget. As the only Member of Parliament from the three western most provinces on the committee I consider it a huge honour to be one of 10 persons charged with overseeing government spending. I will have more to report on the work of the committee in future accounting to constituents. I also had an opportunity on the first day of Opposition replies to the throne speech to make my maiden speech in the House. It was a special privilege to speak about the Battalion Park initiative and express my concerns that energy, agriculture or forestry, the wealth generators in this country, weren't

mentioned in the throne speech. My speech can be viewed on my website at [ron.liepert.ca](http://ron.liepert.ca).

2016 is going to be a very difficult year in Alberta. Commodity prices will remain weak, unemployment rates are expected to rise along with federal and provincial taxes. My responsibility as your representative will be to listen to constituents who have real issues and assist where possible. Once our office is completed I intend to hold several open houses to listen to your concerns. I look forward to these opportunities so please watch for details which will be provided in future updates.



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Haven't been out skiing for a while? There are many places to take a cross country ski lesson. It is a great way to get back to skiing or, to start out on the right foot for the first time! No line ups, no crowds, no lift fees, cross country skiing is a great way to enjoy the sun, fresh air and gentle exercise. What could be better than a day outside with friends skiing in West Bragg Creek, Ribbon Creek or other parts of Kananaskis country! There are two websites for checking trail conditions; Skierbob and on the Alberta Parks website. There are groomed and track-set ski trails as far west as Banff National Park and as far east as Shaganappi golf course, when we have enough snow in Calgary. I think of cross country skiing as a cross between trail biking and walking, it is smooth and heavenly, with a little good technique. So get out of the city and get signed up for safe, gentle outdoor fun!

*Julie Walker is a Cross Country Ski instructor and Outdoor Educator.*

# Volunteers Needed

## for Glendale/Glendale Meadows Community Association's Casino Fundraiser!

### Monday, March 21 & Tuesday, March 22, 2016

### Cash Casino: 4040 Blackfoot Trail SE

*Positions will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Previous casino experience is not required.*

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