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Ryan Driedger packs away the snow shovels until next winter and gets the lawn maintenance equipment ready for a new summer.

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Annual Community Memberships \$35 Tennis Membership \$35

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

By Chris Welner

- Lights, camera, action. Family movie night is coming to Glendale this year with our first kid-friendly film screening on June 23 at the community hall. We'll show videos and have popcorn popping and snacks and drinks for sale, but the show will be free. Bring a blanket and pillow or festival chair to get comfy and enjoy the show! Watch the Thumper for more details as the date gets closer.
- If you ever walk down 26th Avenue you might have noticed the wonderful Little Free Library box on Ted Swan's front lawn. It's filled with books — mysteries, romances, novels and biographies — all free for the borrowing. You can borrow a book or leave a book, or both. Ted is quite the craftsman and he has donated another Little Library box to Glendale that we will be installing on community hall property. We will look to you, our friends and neighbours, to donate a book or two and read what we have on offer.
- As noted in the last Thumper, the casino night run by Glendale volunteers was a big success. Huge thanks go out to Margaret Chandler and Terry Craigmile for organizing our troops and one of our best volunteer turnouts ever. We had extra bodies on hand to share the load. Your efforts, from the playschool parents to Scouts and Guides families has been crucial to helping us secure the funds that will keep our hall and programs functioning for many months to come. Thank you to all our volunteers.
- Our community association operates as a non-profit society on leased land from the City of Calgary. We are responsible for the upkeep of the facilities and support public programming for people in our neighbourhood and beyond. We are also accountable for our actions and must keep a current business plan in place with the City to make sure our goals, actions and results are measured and transparent. Look for our new business plan to be shared in a future Thumper and to be available on our website, www.myglendale.ca.
- Glendale is unique in Calgary as it is one of the first fully designed communities. Today a community with curving roads and gentle arcs is commonplace. But in 1954 the only curved roads were found along the



Photo by Chris Welner
Romeo Tolentino checks out the Little Free Library at Ted Swan's house on 26th Ave. SW

banks of the Bow and Elbow rivers and significant hills. Glendale was part of a trend, across North America, moving away from the rigid grid systems in communities like Killarney to a more organic street flow. You can learn more about the urban geography and history of Glendale/Glendale Meadows by joining up with our Jane's Walk on May 7 at 10 a.m. Bring the kids, your dog or your partner celebrate our community

- The city has a free mulch program operating out of city landfills until May 29. The mulch is reserved for residential use and must be loaded by hand. Bring your own shovels! One truckload per household.

Here are some key dates coming soon that everyone in the community should make a note of:

- May 7, 10 a.m. — Jane's Walk. Meet at the hall for guided walking tour of Glendale.
- May 11, 7 p.m. — Community board meeting – all are welcome.
- May 18 — Glendale Preschool AGM.
- June 8, 7 p.m. — Glendale/Glendale Meadows Community Association Annual General Meeting. Come down and vote for your new board and see how you can join up to help improve our community.
- July 9, 8:30-11 a.m. — Stampede BBQ. Chow down at Calgary's best western community breakfast.
- September 10 — Glendale Sports Day our organizing committee is starting to plan the third annual GSD. Contact thumpereditor@yahoo.ca to sign up or volunteer.

News from the Preschool

Spring is officially here and the Glendale Community Preschool students are venturing out into the neighbourhood, looking for budding trees, seedlings and puddles to splash in. Could we please have just a little rain? The grass and gardens need a bit more encouragement!

This is the time to start learning about gardening so all classes will be visiting Sunnyside Home & Garden Centre midway through the month. I hope that the koi pond is filled and the fountains are set up!

Fall registration is ongoing, currently at 70 per cent capacity. For details, please check the website www.glendalepreschool.ca. Stay tuned for more news next month, including Mother's Day festivities.



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Celebrate Neighbour Day on June 18

Do you miss the days when neighbours connected and got to know each other?

Held annually on the third Saturday of June, Neighbour Day is an opportunity for neighbours to come together in the form of a front yard barbecue, garden party, picnic, clean-up or afternoon tea in a local park to celebrate our strong community spirit in Calgary.

The idea is to meet your neighbours, make new friends, have fun and maybe work together on a project that benefits the entire community.

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Design moves forward for community garden

By Mary Lynn Bryan

Glendale's Green Thumb committee is hard at work on planning and design, budgeting, and preliminary work to make our Thumper Bumper Crop community garden a reality. We've met with some amazing people who were instrumental in the establishment of their own community gardens and, with their input, we're excited about new design and construction ideas. We've acquired some valuable information from individuals whose only interest is seeing projects like this one succeed.

And the response from the community to date is nothing short of inspiring! From requests for plot rentals to offers to help with anything and everything, it's clear that Glendale's Community Garden is truly an idea whose time has come!

So let's get dirty! Our first workshop is scheduled for May 29, 10-11 a.m. at the Community Hall. Kira Spence will head up Spring Has Sprung, so come armed with your questions regarding your own preferred plantings. Kira is very experienced, with a background working at various sod farms, tree farms and greenhouses and is currently teaching horticulture at the Edge School.

If you need more information on the Thumper Bumper Crop, please e-mail me at cgglendale@gmail.com.

Here's a little advice for your own gardens: Now is the perfect time to water the trees on your property. We can see the effect the winter weather took on our mature trees a year or two ago, and watering during this mild spring will help keep the neighbourhood trees healthy.



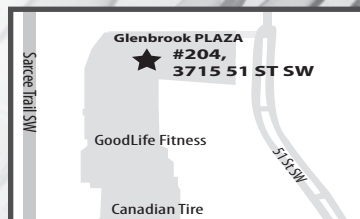
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Mom in the Fast Lane

Elisabeth Fayt

How often must something happen, before it occurs to you?

A few years ago, I was out running errands with my son who was four at the time. I realized I was running late for a meeting and there was no way I would make it at the pace we were going, so I decided to play a little game with him. I said, "Hey, let's have a race and see who can run the fastest" and we both started to run. After a few seconds, he stopped dead in his tracks and said "Mom, why are we racing?"

It was like the whole planet stopped whirling in space at that moment. I bent down to his eye level and responded "Good question, we're not going to race anymore." Without another word, we casually continued at our normal pace and arrived a half hour late for my meeting, which was irrelevant, as the other person had also been running late. She had not even arrived yet!

The experience had a profound effect on me. What came to light was that I had been sporting a pattern of rushing, of racing the clock and packing too many commitments into a small space of time. It clearly wasn't serving me well.

How often did this happen, before it occurred to me? I'd hate to count, but it definitely occurred to me that day.

As May is the month we celebrate Moms, this is a call-out to all Moms living in the fast lane. Slow down and take time to savour each moment. Be present with your children. Bend down to their eye level and give them your full attention. The whole planet will stop whirling in space. You won't miss anything. Trust me, I know from experience.

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	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
March 2016	\$759,500.00	\$719,250.00
February 2016	\$649,900.00	\$631,250.00
January 2016	\$499,900.00	\$466,000.00
December 2015	\$649,900.00	\$600,000.00
November 2015	\$594,900.00	\$570,000.00
October 2015	\$549,900.00	\$510,000.00
September 2015	\$529,900.00	\$529,900.00
August 2015	\$629,450.00	\$617,000.00
July 2015	\$599,900.00	\$594,000.00
June 2015	\$624,900.00	\$608,750.00
May 2015	\$652,000.00	\$648,500.00
April 2015	\$549,900.00	\$531,500.00

Last 12 Months Glendale MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
March 2016	9	2
February 2016	3	2
January 2016	3	1
December 2015	2	1
November 2015	3	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

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As your Member of Parliament, I value your thoughts and opinions. Over the past few weeks I have been gathering feedback from residents of Calgary Signal Hill on proposed legislation for physician assisted death.

On February 6, 2015 the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that certain sections of the Criminal Code, which deemed it an offense to consent to death or assist another with suicide, were in violation of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. This Supreme Court ruling will take effect on June 6, 2016 and it is anticipated that legislation will be passed by Parliament before that date.

The Parliament of Canada established a Special Joint Committee on December 11, 2015 which provided recommendations for legislation amending several Acts of Parliament.

The Supreme Court ruling, the recommendations of the Special Joint Committee and the dissenting report from the Conservative members of the committee are available on my website www.ronliepert.ca.


I encourage you to go to the website and complete a constituent feedback survey. I am seeking your thoughts and opinions on the recommendations in the reports. Your feedback will weigh heavily on how I vote when the legislation comes before Parliament.

If you have any questions or require assistance in completing the feedback form, please feel free to call my Calgary office at 403-292-6666.

Elsewhere, as expected, the Liberal government presented its 2016-17 budget which projects a deficit three times more than promised during the election campaign. The \$29.7 billion dollar deficit is the first of five consecutive deficits which will total close to \$150 billion dollars by 2020-21.

As the official opposition we will continue to work on your behalf to ensure the needs of Albertans and residents of Calgary Signal Hill are heard by the Government. If you have specific questions or feedback, we would like to hear from you as we want to bring your voice to the government on these and other issues.

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Spring has truly sprung here in Calgary Currie. The snow is gone for another year (fingers crossed), and we relish the days getting longer as we inch closer to summer.

Springtime means many things to many people but for me, the springtime activity that stands out from my youth is the planting of the garden.

I can recall playing at gardening in my grandparents' backyard garden. I marvelled in the skill my grandmother showed in digging the trenches where I would put the seeds. She never took out more dirt than she needed, and she never needed to go back to dig deeper, she just seemed to know how much was needed.

Many years later I now know that this skill wasn't something she was taught, it was something she knew from doing it every year for decades on end.

Looking back, a lot of the things I learned in that backyard garden are lessons I have kept with me for my whole life.

I learned about patience and diligence. No garden grows overnight, nor does one grow without constant attention. The changes that happen when looked at in isolation, are miniscule to the point that they are almost immeasurable. Over the course of a summer, the hard work of weeding, and watering transformed a tiny seed into a giant eggplant. The product of our garden labour is rarely seen up front, but boy, watching gardens grow over the course of a growing season is like nothing else.

The ability to look to the future, to visualize what things will look like at the beginning, middle and end is a skill that I have found immeasurably transferable to my role as an MLA, giving us perspective of where we are on our particular journey in life.

Old, young, or in-between, anyone can get into gardening. To encourage gardening, I have been reaching out to schools, community associations and individuals with gifts of seeds to be planted in community gardens, school planters, balcony flower pots and backyards across the riding.

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Hello,

Great news! I am excited to tell you about the approved Ward boundary changes for the next municipal election. I am happy to report to you that all current Ward 6 communities will stay in Ward 6 and commencing on October 17, 2017, two additional communities will join Ward 6, West Gate and Medicine Hill. What does this mean? Ward 6 currently has approximately 86,000 constituents, and with the addition of West Gate and the new community of Medicine Hill, will grow to approximately 90,000 constituents and more once Medicine Hill is completed. I advocated keeping the Tri-Glen communities in the same Ward, as these communities face similar needs and concerns, especially with downstream impacts of the Ring Road as well as planning work and overpass on Richmond Road at Sarcee Trail SW. I was supportive of West Gate joining Ward 6, which was previously part of Ward 6 before the last Ward boundary change. I think it is important for the new development, Medicine Hill, to be in the same Ward as its surrounding park land being enhanced by The City, as well as neighbours at Canada Olympic Park to best represent the interests of that entire community at City Hall. Please visit calgary.ca/ward6 and check out the news post *New Ward Boundaries for Ward 6* to view my video message, a map and more Ward 6 details.

I also want to invite you to my annual Ward 6 Open House. Please join me and Ward 6 Staff at this trade-show-style open house with over 20 City of Calgary Departments for an opportunity to speak with guests and City staff to ask questions, gather information and giveaways, and learn about program or volunteer opportunities.

Ward 6 Open House: Thursday, May 19, 2016 from 5 – 8 p.m. at SCA Community Association – 277 Strathcona Drive SW

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I look forward to seeing you there,
Richard Pootmans

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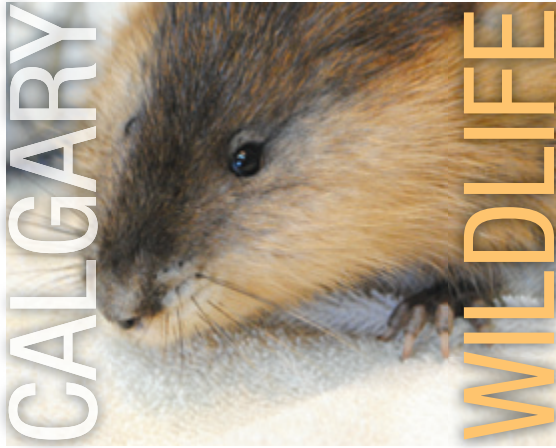
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Muskrats Hardy Little Creatures

The muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*) is a fairly large rodent which has adapted to life in and around water. Their name comes from their two musk (anal) scent glands, the odour used in communication, especially during breeding season. Muskrats are found in North American wetlands and waterways and are considered to be an important creature in their freshwater environments.

These animals have a round, portly body covered with rich waterproof fur made up of a short dense silky under coat and a longer, coarse glossy guard coat. Their fur covers small ears and provides buoyancy in the water. Fur colour ranges from a dark brown head to a light grey belly. Their feet are mostly hairless; the hind feet acting like paddles during swimming and described as semi-webbed, with the four longest toes of each foot having a fringe of specialized hairs along each side, giving the foot a paddle like effect in use. The front feet are used like hands to build lodges, hold food and dig burrows and channels. There are five toes on all feet but the inner toes of front feet are small so rarely show in tracks. Full grown large adults can weigh from 1 – 2 kgs (2 – 5 lbs) and are up to 60 cm (24 in) long (including the tail). Their tail is slender, flattened vertically (to act as a rudder when swimming) and covered with scaly skin to protect it from damaging easily. The muskrat has special teeth that protrude ahead of the cheeks and lips, which can close behind them, permitting the animal to

chew on stems and roots under water “with its mouth closed.” Its four front teeth are chisel like (two upper, two lower incisors), each up to 2 cm long, used for cutting stems and roots of plants.

Muskrats typically live in freshwater marshes, marshy areas of lakes, slow-moving streams, dugouts, ponds, and watery areas controlled by beaver dams. The water must be deep enough to not freeze to the bottom during winter, but shallow enough to allow for the growth of aquatic vegetation. Areas with good food sources such as bulrushes, cattails, pondweeds, or sedges are preferred.

Muskrat homes are compact mounds of partially dried and decayed plant material scattered among cattails, reeds or bulrushes, looking much like dead heaps of plants. If these materials are not available, muskrats dig burrows in firm banks of mossy soil or clay. They still need quick access to deep water for escape from predators and food access in the winter. Their construction of open-water canals through reeds, and floating houses of aquatic vegetation, creates habitats for many species of waterfowl and aquatic plants which could not survive among dense areas of cattail and sedges.

After freeze up muskrats chew through the ice, and push up plant matter to cover the hole with a dome to make a miniature lodge, which is used as a feeding station and resting place when searching for food underwater. They can remain underwater up to 15 minutes by reducing their heart rate and relaxing their muscles when submerged, thus reducing oxygen use by their body.

What’s unusual about the muskrat?

- They are more widely dispersed across North American (north to south, east to west) than any other mammal.
- They were introduced to Europe in 1905 and are now common there too.
- If normal plant food is not available, and animal food is abundant, they are known to become carnivorous (eating fish, frogs, clams)!
- Numbers decrease dramatically every 7 to 10 years. This is believed to be the result of cyclical health declines, deaths and reproductive failure.
- Muskrats appear to thrive even when harvested heavily for fur, impacted by agricultural draining of wetlands and increases in industrial activity! They can even adapt to brackish (salty) water. Hardy little creatures aren’t they?

If you find an injured or orphaned muskrat, or other wild animal or bird, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society for further instructions.

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