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Photo by Chris Welner
It will be a few more months before the skaters return to the ice at the Glendale Outdoor Rink.

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are held the second Wednesday of each month | **NEXT MEETING APRIL 12, 2017**
Annual Community Memberships \$35 Tennis Membership \$35

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Single family neighbourhoods appear to be under siege in Calgary with City Council recently approving several new secondary suite applications, including two development permits for properties in Glendale that are contrary to the neighbourhood's R-C1, single family dwelling zoning.

In a split vote at City Council on March 13, councillors approved two projects that include applications for a secondary suite on 19th Avenue S.W. and a lane home on Granlea Place S.W. Another application with the potential for a lane house above a three-car garage on Kelwood Dr. S.W. has also been filed with the city.

Glendale citizens who attended the council meeting presented petitions and shared comments about opposition to the zoning changes by neighbours and the community at large.

Your community board understands the city's desire to increase density and has worked with city planners and area residents on its Main Streets project that would modernize and increase density on the neighbourhood's eastern perimeter along busy 37th Street, while providing added commercial and retail space within our neighbourhood's walkshed.

Glendale's support for orderly Main Streets redevelopment was used as an argument against the community. Glendale maintains a stated position that residents wish to keep the design and liveability of our single-family community. To reinforce that position, the Glendale board voted at a special meeting held in March to formally withdraw its support for Main Streets.

"Single family neighbourhoods are under attack in Calgary and soon people will be forced into long commutes if they want to live in an affordable home with a nice yard close to the city," says Glendale president Paul McCormick. "We have listened to people who live in Glendale and Glendale Meadows who choose to live in this neighbourhood for its quality of life. They don't want that eroded."

Glendale is one of only a few neighbourhoods in the city zoned exclusively for single-family dwellings. Neighbouring communities, where multi-family homes are permitted face congestion, crowded streets and parking issues that have changed the fabric of their communities.

"We don't want that in Glendale and will continue to voice our opposition to developers and property owners who exceed the rules for building development in our neighbourhood," says McCormick.

- Glendale will be staging its second **Jane's Walk** on May 6. Join walk leader Monika Smith and discover cool facts and interesting stories about our 60 year old neighbourhood. It's all free and is part of a city, national and worldwide movement to connect people to their communities.
- Don't forget to take advantage of **Glendale Community Clean-up Day** on April 30. Now's the time to get rid of the extra stuff that's been cluttering up the basement and garage.
- We've had vandalism down at the community hall and rink shack. We ask all of our neighbours to respect our public spaces. Report any suspicious activity to Calgary police.
- **Did you know?** There is an AED (cardiac defibrillator) on site at the community hall for medical emergencies. The device is registered with the Alberta PAD program and is checked monthly to ensure it is working, pads are not expired and battery has not been discharged.



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Giving People a Voice in Mental Health Research

By Caitlin Crawshaw

The Mental Health Commission of Canada reports that in a given year, one in five people in Canada experiences a mental health problem or illness. In Alberta, that's more than 675,000 people.

Researchers and clinicians in the province recognize the need to learn more about mental health, but realize most research topics are chosen by the researcher, not the people living with mental illness. A new study partly funded by Alberta Innovates (previously Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions) is changing that. This fall, the Alberta Depression Research Priority Setting Project surveyed people who have experienced depression, as well as their clinicians and caregivers, to pinpoint gaps in current research.

“Someone with lived experience will likely have a different perspective than someone doing the research,” explains Robbie Babins-Wagner, PhD, a professor at the University of Calgary Faculty of Social Work and a member of the project's advisory group.

Researchers are analyzing the survey answers to better understand the needs of people who experience depression. And what they find will shape research to help meet their needs. “This will allow the voice of people living with and caring for mental illness to influence research projects,” adds Babins-Wagner.



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Snow Angels Kaede and Momo Hirooka helped keep their neighbours' sidewalks clear this winter.

Here's to Great Neighbours

By Monika Smith

My new neighbours, the Hirooka family, moved into Glendale Meadows in 2014. As we've had a snowy and cold winter, snow shovelling seems to have doubled from the last two years. Amazingly, I found my very long, corner-lot sidewalk shovelled quite a few times this winter thanks to my Snow Angels, the Hirookas.

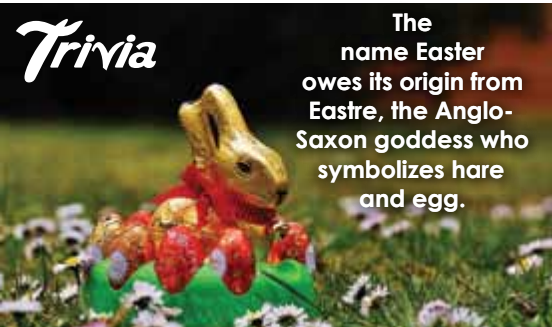
The Hirooka family moved to Calgary about 10 years ago. Miki is from Japan, Kaede is a Japanese-Canadian born in Toronto and they have a 10-year-old son, Momo. Miki is a homemaker and Kaede is a chef at the Vintage Chop House. Living in a condo proved noisy and not ideal for raising a child, so the search was on for a residential property in a quiet neighbourhood. They looked at a number of properties and purchased a 1950s-built home in Glendale Meadows in 2014.

Currently, they are doing renovations, slowly but surely, as the original owner had not updated the house. Everything was original. With new siding and a new bathroom completed, they will tackle another part of the house this summer.

They are very happy living in our community. And, I'm delighted and appreciate having such interesting and nice neighbours.

I'm expecting great conversations over the fence in coming years and continuing to be great neighbours in future.

(Do you have a Good Neighbour story to share in Glendale? Send your story and photos to thumpereditor@yahoo.ca)



Trivia
The name Easter owes its origin from Eastre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess who symbolizes hare and egg.



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YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

- May 6 – 7, IFK Kickstart Garage Builder's Motorcycle Show - Christine Klassen Gallery**
An annual showcase of garage-built motorcycles from across Alberta, most small in budget but all big in creativity. Join us from May 6-7 from 11am to 5pm and see what we've created over the winter! More info at facebook.com/kickstartshow
- May 7, The Debaters Live! – The Jack Singer Concert Hall**
A fundraising event for JFSC hosted by award-winning comedian, Steve Patterson, and features two of his favourite comics, (Dave Hemstad and Kate Davis) - they perform stand-up, followed by a comedic debate. More info at artscommons.ca/WhatsOn/ShowDetails
- May 12 – 13, Vintage Redefined Market – Century Casino Showroom**
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- May 13 – June 11, The Drowning Girls – Vertigo Theatre**
The Drowning Girls is a lyrical exploration of a trio of murdered wives who gather evidence against their murderous husband by reliving the shocking events leading up to their deaths. One Yellow Rabbit Co-Founders Blake Brooker and Denise Clarke lead an incredible creative team in bringing this macabre fantasia to the Vertigo stage. More info at vertigotheatre.com
- May 19, Raiders of the Lost Ark: Original Film with Orchestra – Jubilee Auditorium**
The film that gave the world one of its greatest movie heroes, Indiana Jones, is back and better than ever before! Relive the magic on the big screen with the original great adventure, Raiders of the Lost Ark with John Williams' epic score performed live alongside the film by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. More info at calgaryphil.com
- May 26, Nose Creek Players Presents: Anne of Green Gables – The Bert Church Theatre**
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 - ✓ Make sure your load only contains yard waste like **leaves, branches and plants**. No sod – it is not accepted in this program.
 - ✓ This program is for residential customers only. Fees will apply if your load contains other items.

For more information visit calgary.ca/yardwaste

Landfill hours have changed
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We are pleased to announce important Registration dates for 2017-2018:

February 1, 2017: Registration opens to the public

2017-2018 Glendale Community Preschool Programs			
Program	Schedule	Age	Monthly Fees
2-Day Morning	Tue & Thu 9:15-11:15am	3	\$150
2-Day Afternoon	Tue & Thur 1:00pm-3:00pm	3 & 4	\$150
3-Day Morning	Mon, Wed, Fri 8:55am-11:25am	4	\$185
3-Day Afternoon	Mon, Wed, Fri 12:45pm-3:15pm	4	\$185
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For more information about the Glendale Community Preschool, please visit our website at <http://glendalepreschool.ca/> or email us at glendalecommunitypreschool@gmail.com

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IN & AROUND CALGARY



EMS: Bicycle Helmet Safety

Head injuries are a leading cause of serious injury and death to children riding bicycles*. Most injuries occur when a cyclist suffers a fall, strikes a stationary object, or collides with another cyclist/pedestrian. Remember – it's the law in Alberta that cyclists under the age of 18 must wear a helmet (and highly recommended for all ages). Helmets should be CSA approved and worn during recreational activities such as skateboarding, in-line skating, and cycling.

Getting informed

- Wearing a helmet while cycling can prevent a serious injury, or even save a life;
- Brain injuries can cause permanent disability or death;
- Reduce your risk by always wearing your helmet;
- Replace any helmet that has been involved in a crash, even if it appears undamaged.

Getting started

- Allow children to assist when buying their helmet. Cyclists who choose their own helmet are more likely to wear them;
- Start the habit early. Young children learning to ride tricycles need to wear helmets;
- Parents must lead by example – always wear a helmet when cycling.

Getting the right fit

- Take the time to properly fit and adjust your helmet to ensure maximum protection in case of a crash;
- When worn properly, helmets should fit level, not tilted up, or down over the forehead;
- Helmets should feel snug, but not too tight. To test the fit, the helmet should not fall off when you shake your head from side-to-side while the straps are unfastened;
- Adjust the chin straps to form a "Y" below and slightly forward from the ears;
- Only one finger should be able to fit under the chin strap when it is fastened;
- Do not forget to use the sizing pads included with the helmet. They will help improve the overall fit, comfort and safety.

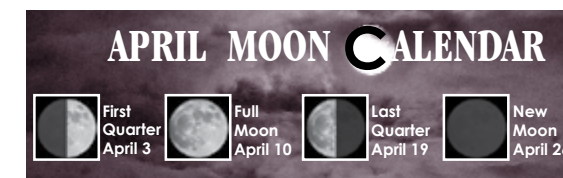
April 23-29 is National Volunteer Week

April 23 - 29 is National Volunteer Week in Canada and on behalf of all Calgarians we want to sincerely thank community volunteers for all they do each and every day to improve neighbourhood life in Calgary!

There are 151 community associations in every neighbourhood across our city, and they are all run by volunteers. In fact, more than 20,000 volunteers are involved in community associations here in Calgary, making it the LARGEST collective volunteer movement in the city!

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Community volunteers are the lifeblood of the community association movement here in Calgary, a movement that brings Calgarians that small-town feel in our large urban centre. **So take a moment during National Volunteer Week, April 23 - 29, to thank a volunteer in your community for their hard work and dedication to ensuring you love where you live!**



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For information contact Monika smithpr1@telus.net

Glendale/Glendale Meadows Community Association

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Glendale Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Glendale MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
February 2017	\$549,500.00	\$537,000.00
January 2017	\$517,400.00	\$504,250.00
December 2016	\$564,950.00	\$550,000.00
November 2016	\$489,900.00	\$465,000.00
October 2016	\$519,900.00	\$514,415.00
September 2016	\$549,900.00	\$514,500.00
August 2016	\$1,287,400.00	\$1,170,000.00
July 2016	\$589,900.00	\$582,000.00
June 2016	\$514,940.50	\$506,500.00
May 2016	\$487,450.00	\$473,000.00
April 2016	\$639,000.00	\$609,000.00
March 2016	\$759,500.00	\$719,250.00

Last 12 Months Glendale MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

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

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit glendale.great-news.ca



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Last October, Alberta Conservative Members of Parliament launched the Alberta Jobs Taskforce to deal with the jobs crisis in the province. Alberta's unemployment rate rose from 4.6 % to 8.8 % in the last 18 months with Calgary having one of the highest rates in Canada at over 10 %. The result has been a spike in the incidence of crime and its severity as well as family violence.

The objectives of the Task Force were two fold. First, listen to Albertans, employers, workers, families and other stakeholders affected by the job crisis and collect their feedback and ideas. Second, to collate that information into a report containing recommendations and in a few instances budget requests of the Liberal Government.

The Calgary Signal Hill riding partnered with Calgary Confederation and Calgary Centre hosting a round table discussion followed by an open meeting where constituents brought forward their ideas and suggestions. Calgary Signal Hill constituents also were given the opportunity to participate by an email survey and close to 2,000 responded.

Here are some of the task force's recommendations:

- Elimination of the federal carbon tax
- Reduction of the small business tax rate
- Reversing the mandatory increase on CPP premiums
- Respecting the non-partisan decisions of the National Energy Board with respect to the construction of new pipelines
- Investments in programs and opportunities to enhance youth employment in Alberta
- Reviewing the equalization payment formula
- Advocating for Canadian resources and Canadian industry abroad
- Provide a clear plan to bring the federal budget back into balance.

I am very proud to support the report and present it on behalf of the residents of Calgary Signal Hill and thank you for the input. To access the complete report, please go to <http://albertajobtaskforce.ca/en/> or to request a copy of the report please call my office at 403 292-6666.



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The Session is back on at the Legislature, and I've been proud to be working for you on things to help make life better for Albertans. We just introduced the new budget, which I am proud to support. Our government will continue to protect healthcare, education and other key services for Albertans. The budget also is investing in construction jobs to build the key infrastructure to put Albertans to work and get our products and resources to market.

I am also happy that the budget shows this government is careful with the money that belongs to Albertans. Just last month, Finance Minister Joe Ceci announced new salary caps for CEOs at 23 of Alberta's agencies, boards and commissions. Gone are the days where golf club memberships are the norm – the pay and benefits are now in line with others across the country.

I'm really encouraged that many of you continue to contact me about the Climate Leadership Plan. As you probably are aware, putting together this plan and the carbon levy has delivered two new pipeline approvals. Prices for the basics like food and gas have not spiked as some falsely claimed. And, the plan is providing Albertans with innovative opportunities to diversify our economy while also investing in ways to help lower your power bills. A \$36 million, two-year rebate program is helping families, business, and nonprofits install rooftop solar panels. This program is expected to create 900 jobs and reduce solar installation costs by up to 30% for homes and 25% for businesses.

Making your lives more affordable is one of the key aspects of our consumer protection agenda. This work began with addressing the outrageous fees attached to payday loans last fall, and continued with the banning of door-to-door energy sales this past January. The next phase of consumer protection is a new engagement process on builder licensing. This will engage Albertans in how we can develop a builder licensing program for Alberta's residential construction and renovation industry. The goal is ultimately to give Albertans peace of mind that their home has being built to a safe standard.

Making life more affordable obviously starts with help-

ing parents raise strong families and ensuring children have every opportunity to succeed. Alberta's new Child Benefit is helping parents and reducing child poverty, and payments for eligible families with children just went out in February. David Eggen, the Minister of Education, has also announced a new Minister's Youth Council to get feedback and ideas from students from across Alberta on education issues. If you are junior or high school student in one of Calgary Currie's fine schools, you can apply here - education.alberta.ca/myc - before 5 May 2017.

While much of April will be spent in Edmonton at the Legislature, I will be in our riding every weekend and for Constituency Week that runs from April 24 to April 28. As always, if you have any additional questions, concerns, or would like meet, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Deadline – 1st of each month for
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As the seasons change, now is an opportunity to remind ourselves of the amazing spaces we have in our communities. Here are some of my favourite parks in the Ward 6 area that you can visit:

Griffith Woods Park

The Elbow River flows unimpeded through this beautiful park in Discovery Ridge. Seldom can one experience a "wild river" within a major city. The curves in this part of the river has left "oxbow" wetlands, with a rich variety of aquatic ecosystems, along with one of only two large strands of White Spruce in The City's park system.

Strathcona Ravine

Tucked away between the Strathcona and Christie Park communities, these 23 hectares of ravines were set aside as an environmental reserve during the 1970s. The boardwalk at the west end crosses a seasonal stream and wetland, and is an excellent area for birdwatching. If you want to experience a classic ravine in the wilds of Calgary, this natural gem is the park to visit.

Battalion Park

Originally a World War 1 training camp known as Camp Sarcee in 1915, this Signal Hill park was built to commemorate the Alberta soldiers who trained here. 16,000 stones were placed here by members of the Calgary, Lethbridge, Central Alberta, and Edmonton battalions, and were formed into their regiment numbers: 137, 113, 151, and 51. Along with its historical significance, the park includes great views, pathways, and of course, shopping opportunities in Westhills afterwards.

For more information, visit Calgary.ca/parks

Want to send your kids on an action-packed nature adventure this summer? Calgary Parks is offering Nature Day Camps in July and August, connecting children with the natural world through hands-on activities and outdoor play. Guided by experienced educators, campers will explore bugs, birds, plants and animals while gaining a better understanding of nature and their place within it. Choose from Growing Wild (4-5 years), Wild for Wetlands (6-9 years), Winged Wonders (6-9

years), and Raptors Delight (10-12 years). Camps take place in the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary and Ralph Klein Park, and childcare is available before and after. Registration is now open.

For more information, search "Nature Day Camps" at calgary.ca

2017 Councillor Chats & Ward 6 Open House Dates Councillor Chats

An informal evening and a chance to say hello in a one-on-one conversation with any questions or concerns you have.

Saturday, **April 8, 2017** from 9 a.m. – Noon at SCA Community Association, 277 Strathcona Drive SW

Ward 6 Open House

Our biggest event of the year! Drop in and meet the various departments that make up The City of Calgary, from Urban Forestry, Calgary Police Services, Waste & Recycling, Planning, Water Resources, and more. Learn about the services available to you in your area, and get to know your community and what to look forward to!

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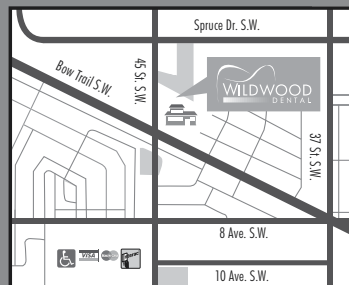
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