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South Calgary Urgent Care Health Centre	403-943-9300	
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City of Calgary		311
Social Service Info & Referral		211
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Weather Information		
Gamblers Anonymous	403-237-0654	

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

It's been a great year in Glendale with many of your community board's efforts finally starting to pay off. You will soon see some much-needed upgrades and improvements around our hall and facilities.

Thanks to grants from the federal, provincial and municipal governments that support our fundraising efforts, work is scheduled to repair our parking lot and drainage infrastructure in the fall. A Canada 150 grant will go a long way toward renovations to the washrooms and other amenities inside the hall.

- Glendale is fortunate to be the recipient of an Enmax Energizing Spaces grant of more than \$9,000 that will fund new energy efficient lighting for our outdoor rink. The LED lights will be brighter to create a safer skating rink, yet be less intrusive for neighbours because of the directional nature of the lighting. It will also save a ton of money on energy costs.



- Glendale/Glendale Meadows is also pleased to be selected for a key City of Calgary community engagement program called This is My Neighbourhood. Residents are being asked for their direct input to help shape our community and see it grow the way we would like to see it take shape.

Last year, the City delivered more than 100 programs, services and small-scale improvement projects to a first group of 14 communities. This ranged from building a fit park, to adding family friendly Park n' Play programming options, to developing pedestrian pathway maps. Now the City wants to hear from you on how we can make Glendale/Glendale Meadows an even better place to live, work and play! As a first step, visit [Calgary.ca/MyNeighbourhood](http://Calgary.ca/MyNeighbourhood) and tell us your vision for Glendale/

Glendale Meadows. When you think of our neighbourhood's future, what three words come to mind? After you submit your responses, take an opportunity to sign-up for email updates on this program. There is also an opportunity to join a community advisory group that will work very closely with the City in bringing This is My Neighbourhood to life in Glendale/Glendale Meadows.

• Residents of Ward 6 have been fortunate to work with Councillor Richard Pootmans since 2010. Coun. Pootmans has announced he will not be running for re-election, so we would like to thank him for his efforts over the past seven years. We now look forward to meeting all the new candidates who hope to represent our community in October's municipal election. Coun. Pootmans will be hosting a Ward 6 Open House on May 3, from 5-8 p.m. where he can address any issues you might have with City Hall, or just come by to wish him well.

- Come on out for Glendale's second annual Jane's Walk on May 6 at 10:30, beginning at the community Hall.

- Keep July 8 on your calendar for Calgary's best Stampede Breakfast at the community hall. With more than 1,000 people expected, it's a party that should not be missed!



# Glendale Community Association

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## Board Meetings

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

**Editorial content deadline is the 5th of each month - thumpereditor@yahoo.ca**



## 2017 Community Membership Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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## IN & AROUND CALGARY

### Blue Cart Recycling Tip of the Month

#### Green Cart service coming to your home

Southwest Calgary residents can expect to see the new Green Cart starting in July to manage organic household garbage and yard waste. As the green cart program rolls out this year, you'll see how a small change to your routine can cut your garbage in half and turn your food and yard material into valuable nutrient-rich compost.

Your green cart comes with a kitchen pail and samples of compostable bags to collect food scraps and samples of paper yard waste bags to use when your cart is full.

All food and yard waste can go in the green cart. You can even put in things that you can't compost at home like meat, bones, cheese, bread, pasta, branches and pet waste too.

These materials can be safely composted because the material reaches and maintains a temperature of at least 55 degrees Celsius during the composting process, which kills any harmful bacteria.

Once everyone in our quadrant receives their carts, weekly green cart pick up will begin and garbage collection will move to once every two weeks.

Once the community rollout schedule is finalized it will be available on calgary.ca/greencart.

If you live in an apartment or condo, by Nov. 1, 2017 your building is required to separate food and yard waste from the garbage for composting or diversion. Talk to your building owner or manager or visit calgary.ca/multifamily.

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Glendale/Glendale Meadows Community Association's Annual



# STAMPEDE BREAKFAST

*Round up your family and friends*

**Saturday, July 8, 2017**

**8:30 am to 11:30 am**

**Community Hall  
2405 Glenmount Drive SW**

*Live band! Great food!*

**Bring your Glendale  
Community Membership  
card and move  
to the front  
of the food line!**



Jane's  
walk

Jane's Walk Calgary is an initiative  
of Calgary Foundation.

**Saturday, May 6, 2017**  
**10:30 to Noon**

**Starting at the Glendale/Glendale Meadows Community Association Hall**

EVERYONE WELCOME! Join us for a walk through the heart of our 60-plus year-old community. And see how a suburb in the 'sticks' is evolving into an inner city community.

For information contact Monika  
smithpr1@telus.net



Glendale/Glendale Meadows  
Community Association



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Abigail	13	587-581-5955	Yes
Simon	13	403-875-2367	Yes
Abbey	14	403-901-3337	No
Sarah	15	403-246-8444	Yes
Bamby	16	587-400-1741	Yes
Nina	19	403-466-1271	Yes

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**Make a  
difference  
in the life  
of a family...**



Are you looking for a way to give back to your community?  
Our Home-Start program is looking for volunteers!

**What does a Home-Start volunteer do?**

- Visits a family's home once per week
- Provides support, friendship and encouragement
- Gets the family involved with the local community
- Shares their own experiences of parenting and family life

**Interested in getting involved?**

For more info, or to learn about upcoming training sessions, contact  
Home-Start or visit [www.boysandgirlsclubsofcalgary.ca](http://www.boysandgirlsclubsofcalgary.ca)

East Calgary: 403-660-6809

West Calgary: 403-660-1136



Boys & Girls Clubs Home-Start Calgary

# Hear ye, hear ye: May is Speech & Hearing Awareness Month!

*Deaf & Hear Alberta is hosting its 2nd Annual Safe Sound Awards.*

Safe Sound Awards raises awareness about hearing health and hearing loss. In support of May being Speech & Hearing Awareness Month, we want Calgarians to participate in Safe Sound Awards.

Sound represents a variety of things to different people, all ultimately connecting us to our environment. It is all around us, impacting many facets of our lives. It is family conversation at the dinner table, leaves rustling, music playing, heavy traffic and so much more. Sound is measured in decibels (dB) and like all things in life, there are healthy and harmful levels.

In general, sounds 85 dB and below are in the safe zone while sounds above 85 dB can start to cause damage inside the ear. Safe and harmful sound levels are also highly dependent on *how long, how often* and *use of hearing protection*.

Continuous dB	Examples	Permissible Exposure time
85 dB	Noisy restaurant	8 hours
88 dB	Window air conditioner	4 hours
94 dB	Subway	1 hour
103 dB	School dance	7.5 min
106 dB	Leaf blower	3.75 min
112 dB	Jackhammer	Approx. 1 min

There are numerous benefits to ensuring the protection and management of our hearing. How can you help maintain your hearing? Limit time using ear buds,

check the volume on TVs and stereos, wear ear plugs to concerts, and adhere to occupational & safety guidelines at work. Maintaining hearing health also includes using appropriate hearing devices such as hearing aids or personal amplifiers.

Changes in hearing health can impact a person's physical, social and emotional health. If you or someone you love is already living with hearing loss, there are ways to improve communication. Here are some suggestions:

**Set the stage.** Find places that have soft surfaces such as carpets, tablecloths, curtains and/or places that are well lit which makes it easier to see body language and facial expressions.

**Communicate effectively.** When speaking to a person with hearing loss– make sure you have their attention before speaking and keep your face visible. Move closer to the person you are speaking to, speak at a moderate pace and use a normal volume of voice. Most importantly, be patient and open to repetition; use alternate phrasing if needed.

We invite you to nominate hearing friendly places that allow for conversation, fun and connection to those around us. Then vote. Pick your favourites and as a community we will celebrate Calgarian's favourite hearing friendly spaces with the Safe Sound Awards. Let's celebrate Speech and Hearing Awareness Month together!

To be involved visit: <http://hearalberta.ca/safe-sound-awards/>

*Written by: Alia Bharwani, Hearing Services Coordinator & Kylie Bradbury, Peer Mentoring Coordinator at Deaf & Hear Alberta*

## YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

**Marda Loop Farmers' Market – 3130, 16 Street SW, June 3 – Oct. 7**

Call for 2017 Farmers' Market vendors, food trucks and buskers! The Marda Loop outdoor Farmer's Market is growing this year, showcasing local makers, bakers and growers along with live music, kids' zone, cool activities for the whole family including monthly special events! More info for all vendors (and great stall rates starting at \$30/day) at [mardaloop.com/farmers-market/farmers-market](http://mardaloop.com/farmers-market/farmers-market).

**Suncor Stage One Festival of New York – Lunchbox Theatre, June 9 – 24**

Next June marks the 30th anniversary of Stage One. For 30 years Lunchbox Theatre has been dedicated to the creation, development and production of new Canadian one-act plays, many of which have gone on to great acclaim after their premiere on our stage. Celebrate 30 years of playwriting history in our city with Lunchbox. Free admission. More info at [lunchboxtheatre.com/suncor-stage-one-festival](http://lunchboxtheatre.com/suncor-stage-one-festival).

**Vintage with Flair – Bragg Creek Community Centre, June 16 – 17 at 4 p.m.**

A country garden party in the woods; a gathering of Alberta artisans, designers, makers and curators of vintage inspired to rustic farmhouse fresh designs. Including unique, artisan-inspired art and stained glass, hand-designed jewelry with a story, rustic home decor, maker-made ceramics, curated vintage home and garden decor, repurposed shabby and chic finds and up-cycled and cool clothing. Join us for a garden party in the country.

**Sled Island Festival – various venues, June 21 -25**

Sled Island's thoughtful, eclectic programming and independent spirit have fused with Calgary's youthful energy to produce a one-of-a-kind festival experience. Each June, the five-day music and arts festival brings together a community of over 250 bands, comedians, filmmakers and artists, as well as over 30,000 attendees in more than 35 venues, transforming the city into an arts lover's paradise that has earned rave reviews from artists, fans and media from across the globe. More info at [sledisland.com](http://sledisland.com).

**The Glenn Miller Orchestra – Jack Singer Concert Hall, June 29 at 7 p.m.**

The world famous Glenn Miller Orchestra brings timeless classics like In the Mood, Moonlight Serenade, Chattanooga Choo Choo, Pennsylvania 6-5000, String of Pearls and Tuxedo Junction back to the stage. Even 50 years after founding his famous orchestra Glenn Miller's music is alive and well. More info at [artscommons.ca](http://artscommons.ca).

**JUNE 3  
WHEELS FOR WELLS CHARITY BIKE RIDE – SOUTHVIEW CHURCH**

Help Wheels for Wells bring clean water to those without. Choose to ride a 10 km family-friendly route or the longer 30, 50, 70, or 90 km on routes in and around Calgary. All rides are fully supported and the 10 km riders can take part in a skill building session. More info at [wheelsforwells.ca](http://wheelsforwells.ca).



**JUNE 3 – 4  
CALGARY UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL – ACADIA RECREATION COMPLEX**

This festival celebrates our vibrant Ukrainian heritage, rich Ukrainian culture and cuisine, shop until you drop in the vendor market place, and join us for our Zabava and dance the evening away to live Ukrainian music. More info at [calgaryukrainianfestival.ca](http://calgaryukrainianfestival.ca).



**JUNE 18  
RAD DAD DAY – CALAWAY PARK**

What better way to celebrate all things dad than treats and rides and games? It's Rad Dad Day at Calaway Park! Bring your father or grandfather to celebrate how great he is! The best part is dads and granddads get free admission when accompanied by a child. Open 10 am to 7 pm More info at [calawaypark.com](http://calawaypark.com).







# Calgary Immigrant Educational Society

It should come as no surprise that immigrants and refugees arriving in Calgary face numerous challenges to settlement. While newcomers routinely say that learning English is the biggest hurdle to their family's integration into Canada, a close second is finding employment – 90% of Calgary's newcomer population is under the age of 44, which represents a tremendous future workforce for the city. They are also educated - at least 38% have a Bachelor's degree or higher, compared to just 34.8% of established Calgarians. And while their immigration status doesn't mean that they are any less qualified, newcomers often come up against barriers to employment in Canada.

Former professionals, such as engineers and accountants, often require years of additional schooling to obtain accreditation in Canada. Those that don't have professional qualifications often face even greater challenges as they learn to integrate with Canadian work culture – Canadian work experience is often a prerequisite for employment in Canada, but employment is required to obtain that same work experience. To address these challenges, CIES offers a series of employment training programs designed to bring newcomers into the workplace faster, including industry-specific courses in accounting, clerical, and computer skills. We also offer programs that build on existing skill sets and prepare clients to succeed in business.

The first of these programs is Employment Skills Training. This free, full-time program equips unemployed permanent residents and refugees with the skills to secure employment in Canada. Over three months, attendees learn how to make a career plan, build an effective cover letter and resume, learn how to navigate

Canadian business culture, and develop their interview preparation skills. Up to 88% of graduates will go on to find employment in industries such as healthcare, child-minding, education and trades.

The second program we offer is Entrepreneurship Development Training. This innovative new program encourages and removes the barriers to entrepreneurial success for immigrants and low-income Calgarians. Through a series of workshops, clients receive financial literacy in the Canadian banking system, including credit, savings products, and home ownership. Building on this foundation, students learn the principles of successful entrepreneurship, including business selection, plan writing, risk management, human resources issues, and taxation. The program completed its first intake of students in March; they will graduate in June.

It is in our best interests as Canadians to provide newcomers with the support they need to successfully settle and begin to provide for their own families in Canada. Settlement agencies across the country are continually tailoring their programs to offer newcomers the education and social skills they need to achieve independence for their families. As a Canadian citizen, take some time to reflect on the sacrifices made by your own family as they emigrated to Canada, and then ask yourself how you can help others do the same.

The Calgary Immigrant Educational Society (CIES) provides immigrants and low income Canadians with various levels of language, employment, computer, and settlement programs. They assist over 1400 students a day, 7 days per week, in-class and online.



## Glendale Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Glendale

MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
March 2017	\$569,500	\$560,000
February 2017	\$549,500	\$537,000
January 2017	\$517,400	\$504,250
December 2016	\$564,950	\$550,000
November 2016	\$489,900	\$465,000
October 2016	\$519,900	\$514,415
September 2016	\$549,900	\$514,500
August 2016	\$1,287,400	\$1,170,000
July 2016	\$589,900	\$582,000
June 2016	\$514,941	\$506,500
May 2016	\$487,450	\$473,000
April 2016	\$639,000	\$609,000

Last 12 Months Glendale

MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Stats

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
March 2017	6	2
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

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit [glendale.great-news.ca](http://glendale.great-news.ca)

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## Upcoming Information Sessions: Sarcee Trail/Richmond Road S.W. Interchange Functional Planning Study

The City of Calgary is undertaking a study for the Sarcee Trail/Richmond Road S.W. interchange. In late 2016, we sought input on potential designs and your priorities for the interchange. We are holding two information sessions to share the results of our evaluation and gather feedback on the recommended plan.

### Information Session #1: Tuesday, May 30

Time: 5 to 8 p.m.

Location: Glamorgan Community Centre,  
Main Hall – 4207 41 Ave. S.W.

### Information Session #2: Wednesday, May 31

Time: 5 to 8 p.m.

Location: Glamorgan Community Centre,  
Main Hall – 4207 41 Ave. S.W.

Please visit [www.calgary.ca/sarceerichmond](http://www.calgary.ca/sarceerichmond) for more information on the study. No RSVP is required.

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# Do they really need our help?

Article by J.G. Turner  
Photo by Andrea Hunt

In the spring and summer, Calgarians often come across little critters that are a part of our urban wildlife population. Humans are often eager to assist young animals and birds that they think are on their own, but how do you tell if they really need our help?

## Is it orphaned/abandoned?

If you are not sure if the animal is orphaned or abandoned, watch it from a distance so as not to frighten the parents from returning. Check on the animal periodically for 24 to 48 hours to see if it is still there. DO NOT touch or move the young animal unless you are absolutely certain that it is orphaned or is in immediate danger. With some species, it is normal for parents to leave their offspring alone for extended periods of time. Many infant mammals are left on their own while their parents are foraging for food. In many bird species, the offspring outgrow their nest and their parents continue to raise them on the ground. Many species return to their young to care for them near dusk and dawn.

A young animal that looks well-fed, has bright eyes and clean fur or feathers, and is showing no signs of distress, is probably not orphaned.

## See a Hare, Leave it There!

Both Snowshoe and White-tailed Prairie Hares will be having babies throughout the spring and summer. Hares are born fully furred and with their eyes open. They can hop around within hours of birth. It is the strategy of hares to leave their young for long periods of time under bushes and in the grass to protect the babies from predators since young hares have no scent. Mother hares return to feed their young as little as twice per day and baby hares will freeze (not moving at all) when threatened. Most baby hares are not orphaned and will have best chance of survival with their own mothers.

## Fledgling Birds

Did you know that many young birds spend time on the ground? Fledgling birds that are too big for the nest but cannot quite fly yet, may end up spending some time on the ground while learning how to fly. This is normal behavior! Parents will be nearby protecting and feeding their young during this transition. Most fledglings have almost all their feathers, and are only

slightly smaller than adults. If you see a fledgling bird, admire it from afar. As long as the parents are around, and it is not being threatened, it doesn't need help.

## Fawns

Most fawns are born in May and June. They are routinely left alone by the mother deer (a doe) during the first two weeks of life. They are simply unable to keep up with mum during that time. These babies, like the hare, have no odor to attract predators, and have natural camouflage because of their colouring. The doe feeds well away from their baby, leaving the fawn hidden in long grass or underbrush, and returning to feed, clean, and move them regularly. Even if you think a fawn is not being cared for by its mother, DO NOT TOUCH IT or your scent will be transferred to it, discouraging the mother from caring for it if she does return. Come back the next day to check on it. If it is in exactly the same spot and bleating (crying), or wandering around appearing to be distressed, it may need help. Most fawns have the best chance of survival with their own mothers.

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

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### Budget 2017 Represents a Lack of the Real Change the Government Promised

As part of the Official Opposition, when we see the federal budget, we are naturally going to look for places to criticize. Budget 2017 doesn't give me a lot of opportunities to do that – not because the measures it takes aren't questionable – but instead it refuses to make nearly any choices or take nearly any measures at all. Most of the funding is being earmarked away for things that most of us would find difficult to even understand – like funding for innovation “superclusters” (pg. 79), or an “infrastructure bank” (pg. 129). The initiatives that we do understand won't see actual dollars being spent until 2019 or later.

Nevertheless here are a few tangible takeaways from the budget:

- No plan to balance the budget before 2050-2051.
- Forecasted, structural deficits of around \$20 billion per year for the next five years.
- \$8.4 billion cut to defense procurement.
- An acknowledgement that Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth was significantly below the expectations of the last budget.
- A plan with more funding for the CRA to continue to target small businesses for additional audits, as well as new restrictions on how family members can be involved in small businesses.
- Taxes on alcohol rise by 2%
- GST will now be collected on ride sharing services, such as Uber.

I'm disappointed not only that Budget 2017 doesn't represent the priorities of Albertan families, nor does it provide any tangible relief for those who are unemployed (a \$30 million one-time grant to the Alberta is offset with higher taxes on oil and gas drilling), but even more so that the Government doesn't really seem to care. The Finance Committee, which I am Vice Chair of, had its meetings typically devoted to pre-budget preparation cancelled because the Government put forward no business to study, and used their majority to defeat multiple motions from myself and my colleagues to study

both the long term financial impact of the last budget, and Alberta unemployment.

The media has been equally negative in its assessment of the budget. Here are two quotes that have stood out to me:

- Andrew Coyne (National Post): “I have read a good many tedious, empty budgets in my time. I cannot recall ever reading one quite as mind-bendingly empty as this one.”
- Konrad Yakabuski (Globe and Mail): “... barely 18 months into their mandate – the Liberals are stuck. They can neither move ahead with their progressive agenda – all Mr. Morneau's recent talk about soaking even more the rich turned out to be just talk – nor turn off the spending taps they opened last year, lest they repudiate more or less everything they proclaim to stand for.”

I am always grateful to hear your feedback on Budget 2017, or any other matter. Please feel free to call my office or email me at any time.

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Wow, what a two years it has been! As I gear up for another busy month in the Legislature I thought I would reflect on what we have accomplished together and share some of the work I have been doing around Calgary Currie. Back in 2015 I was selling large diesel generators to oil rigs and, like so many of you, I was concerned with the direction of the economy and the government of the day. Sales were slowing, and the solution being proposed was cuts and increased costs to average families. Health care premiums were increasing; no investments in schools were being made. Progress on the construction of new pipelines had stalled.

I offered Calgary Currie residents a more progressive, inclusive vision for our province's future, and I am honoured you trust me to do that work. I promised to support an increase to the minimum wage, because a person working full time shouldn't need to go to the food bank. I promised that we would invest in new schools and affordable housing. In Calgary Currie this year alone \$1.3 million is being spent on housing for seniors, while new schools opening to the west will ease the burden on those within our riding. I am also proud that your NDP government kept its promise to reduce school fees. Many have told me that come September it will be a welcome change to no longer scramble to cobble together the funds to get their kids out the door and into their schools. Every day our government is working to make life better and more affordable for families in Calgary Currie and across Alberta.

My office and I have also been hosting consultations for my first Private Member's Bill - Bill 211 - which seeks to ensure that persons with disabilities who inherit assets following a parent's death cannot have their government benefits terminated. Alberta is the only province where the government is allowed to claw back the access a person with disabilities has to government services if they inherit assets. Many have shared with me their worry that a loved one's AISH would be cut or that their child would no longer be able to afford the medication they need. If this issue impacts you, please contact my

office. We would love to hear your concerns and keep you informed as this bill progresses.

After having spent much time working with the fine seniors organizations in our riding, this April I had the pleasure of taking the Minister of Seniors and Housing Lori Sigurdson on a tour of some those very facilities that provide care and support for so many. I was also happy to attend Richmond Knob Hill Community Association Earth Day Fair that brought together local businesses, musicians, and community members to celebrate the installation of the new solar panels on their hall. And finally, I invite you to join me on July 9 - to enjoy and celebrate our community - at my annual Stampede Breakfast. This year's breakfast is at the Glenbrook Community Centre from 9:00AM to Noon. All are invited to attend. And for those keen to volunteer, please do contact my office. Helping hands are always welcome!

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Finally spring is here! Here are some things you should be aware of this month, and various ways to get involved:

#### Spring Clean-up

The City's annual Spring Clean-up program is well underway and runs until June. Crews sweep up winter sanding materials and other debris from over 16,000 lane kilometres of city roads and along major sidewalks and boulevards. We're asking all Calgarians to help make the city beautiful by moving vehicles from the street when you see the No Parking signs in your neighbourhood, which will be placed at least 12 hours prior to sweeping.

Visit [calgary.ca/sweep](http://calgary.ca/sweep) to check the schedule for your street, track sweeper progress on the online map, and sign up for notifications.

#### Take part in your Community Cleanup!

Have you participated in a Community Cleanup yet? This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbours and save a trip to the landfill. Each year the City teams up with local community associations to help residents get rid of unwanted household items and property waste. Last year, a record of one million kg of waste and nearly 200,000 kg of organics was collected!

Some of Ward 6's Community Cleanups finished in April. Here are the remaining dates:

May 6 - Coach Hill/Patterson Heights - 6229 Patina Drive SW  
 May 13 - Springbank Hill - 150 Ambrose Close SW  
 May 28 - Discovery Ridge - 532 Discovery Ridge Boulevard SW  
 June 4 - West Springs/Cougar Ridge - 700 77 Street SW  
 June 24 - Signal Hill - 3200 Signal Hill Drive SW  
 September 23 - Glenbrook - 3524 45 Street SW AND Glamorgan - 4207 41 Avenue SW

The City will supply three packer trucks with crews (two for waste and one for organic materials) and funds for gloves, garbage bags, food and refreshments for the group of community volunteers. If you would like to help out, please contact your community association.

Visit [calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca) and search "Community Cleanups" for more information.

If you are looking for other ways to contribute and get engaged, visit [calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca) and search "Volunteer" for opportunities with the Calgary Police Service, Parks, Recreation, Animal and Bylaw, Calgary Neighbourhoods, and more!

#### Get ready for Neighbour Day!

Calgary celebrates its fourth annual Neighbour Day on June 17, and anyone can plan an event! Reach out to your neighbours and host a block party on your street, hold a street chalk drawing competition, or share a picnic potluck or afternoon tea in the park. Whatever you do, be sure to invite The Mayor, me (please email Richard.Pootmans@calgary.ca), the Calgary Fire and Calgary Police Services—we'd love to join. Last year I attended 12 events on Neighbour Day, I'd love to increase that number this year!

An important note: If you are thinking of closing your street or hosting your event at the local park, you must get your block party permit or greenspace permit by May 26, 2017. The City will be waiving the fees for this day.

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