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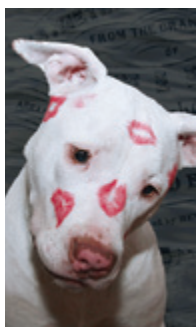
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Valentine's Trivia

Based on retail statistics, about 3 per cent of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.



BOARD UPDATE

February is the month of love. Webster's dictionary defines *love* as "a usually somewhat rounded projection or division of a bodily organ or part." Wait... that might be *lobe*. Regardless, we hope that you have some cause of celebration this February and that you are able to share Valentine's Day with someone you love. This month, we want to share with you a love story from Killarney. Read about it in this issue!

We would like to thank everyone who came out for our January 15th Winter Wonderland Party. It seems like everyone had a marvelous time! If you have photos from the day that you would like to share (and have permission from the participants), add them to our Facebook page and share them on Twitter or Instagram (@killarneyyyyc).

You may have noticed that we have a new Acting President, Carolyn Johnson. Our President, Gina Thornton Hastie, is hard at work bringing in a new Killarney resident in the new year, and we wish her all the best. She is already a superstar mother, so we know she'll thrive with her growing family! Carolyn has graciously volunteered to fill in as Acting President until the AGM, and Mathew Beaudoin will now be filling in also as Vice President. We thank them for stepping up!

DESIGNATED SCHOOLS FOR KILLARNEY/GLENGARRY

CBE

A. E. Cross	7-9
Alexander Ferguson	K-6
Ernest Manning	10-12
Glendale	K-6
Richmond	K-6
Vincent Massey	7-9

CSSD

St. Thomas Aquinas	K-5
St. Gregory	6-9
Bishop Carroll	10-12
St. Mary's	10-12
Holy Name (FR)	K-6
St. Michael (FR)	K-9

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Killarney Canines

We live in the wonderful community of Killarney, and recently got our first puppy! His name is Wilson and he's a Sheepadoodle (old English sheepdog mixed with poodle). He is almost 5 months old now and he loves snuggles, his toys, the smell of lavender, and his new forever family!

—Dara and Brett B.



Do you have a "Killarney Canine" or "Killarney Cat" that you want to share?
Send a picture and a blurb to news@killarneyglengarry.com!



Canada Compares

Canada turns 150 years old this year and Killarney-Glengarry wants to help residents feel proud about living in this country, so we are going to celebrate with your stories. Tell us about an experience you've had where Canada Compares to another country or nationality and made you feel proud to be in Canada. Submit your story to news@killarneyglengarry.com, just as Carolyn Johnson has:

Driving up to Sunshine Village for early ski-season turns, I was amazed that a herd of sheep could block the Sunshine road for over half an hour without disruption by parks officials or public. Here in Alberta, the respect for wilderness is innate. As an avid mountain lover, 'peak bagging' as my friend calls it, has been my quest for many years, searching out the best skiing and backcountry hiking the world has to offer. From the Andes, Patagonia, East and South African Rifts, to the Japanese and European Alps, I have taken in many a vista and each area has its own charm. I was first startled at the sense of humanity in the Drakensberg and similarly the Bolivian Andes backcountry, I realised that hikers were more concerned about being robbed by rebels than they were of bears or cougars. In Europe, the civilized nature of hiking or skiing village-to-village for a glass of wine or a hot meal in a 100 year old refuge, is fantastic and cultured, but with that comes little wildlife. Certainly no need to keep a 'clean camp' for animal safety. Returning to Canada after 8 years of international living, I was struck by how free and wild the Rockies are. There are animals everywhere, unobstructed vistas and miles of protected safe environment. This is exceptional on our planet! Did you know that Banff was the 3rd National Park to be established in the world in 1885...just after the railway was established? This goes to show how deep our value for wilderness stretches. It is intrinsic to Canada, to Alberta and to our Rockies! Next time you see a trail closure due to bears or an Elk strolling down Banff Ave, feel proud about what we have protected as Canadians.

PS: Did you know that Parks Canada is offering free admission to visitors for 2017 to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary?

Carolyn Johnson, resident in Killarney since 2013

Canada150

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- Are you looking for a way to get engaged in your community this spring/summer?
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Trivia Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day, celebrated on February 2, came about because of a German superstition. They thought if a hibernating animal cast a shadow on February 2nd that winter would last for another six weeks. If there was no shadow, spring would come early.

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The Future for all of us is in the next 5 seconds...

I scared myself to death recently. In life, I only worry about two things. The first is that something horrible would happen to my family or friends; the second is that I would hit a pedestrian with my car. I know that if I did, I'd never sleep again and I'd feel sick for the rest of my life.

A few weeks ago I was waiting at a red light to turn left onto a four lane roadway.

The radio was on. I was feeling good after spending time with my daughter and her year-old puppy that has captivated our hearts. I checked the cross walk - no alerts came to my attention. The light turned green and I was making my left hand turn.

Suddenly, my brain was on fire. There was a woman in the crosswalk two car lengths directly in front of me. She was clapping her mittened hands to get my attention. She had SEEN that I had NOT SEEN her. I slammed on my brakes. Thank God, I had enough traction to stop. She crossed the street. I limped through the intersection. When I got to a divot in the road I stopped. I was shocked and sick to my stomach.

HOW did I not see her? I thought I had checked for pedestrians. Did I have a momentary lapse? What was I thinking about that gave me the second of unconsciousness? I questioned myself and lost all confidence. It was the closest I had ever come to hitting a pedestrian.

When I composed myself, I drove cautiously home, shaken at the close call. For days, I asked myself, HOW had not seen her? As an analyst, I carried out the investigation in my mind. Finally, I went back to the intersection and sat at that light in the left turn lane and replayed the event. Finally, I saw what happened. I drive a Mazda 3 and as I sat there I realized what happened. The upright on the left front of the driver's seat is situated at a 40 degree angle and the mount for the side mirror has

the lower half of the angle filled in to hold the mirror. There is a serious blind spot that exactly lines up with the opposite side of the street. I never noticed it before.

What I learned was that I have to move my whole body and head to ensure that I see the opposite corner of the intersection. It was a major wake up call. I also learned "Know thy car....and its limitations".



In Killarney alone in 2016, there were 9 pedestrian/vehicle interactions. City Council is at this moment, discussing the new Pedestrian Strategy to reduce pedestrian fatalities in the City. After my own personal experience, I support whatever measures they take to ensure pedestrian safety. Really, our future is only 5 seconds in front of us every day.

All of Canada is taking serious note of the number of pedestrians being hit by vehicles as a public health issue. Vehicles are so ubiquitous in our car-driven society that pedestrian deaths seem to have been normalized as simply the acceptable by-product of our right to drive; they are usually labelled accidental or inevitable.

There always seems to be a huge amount of blame to go around. Drivers criticize pedestrians as 'glued to their phones' and certainly 'not watching where they're walking'. Pokemon Go caused a sensation with thousands on the streets - children and adults alike - last summer trying to capture their Pokes without due regard for anyone around them. Thank heavens the winter weather seems to have driven most of them back to the couch.

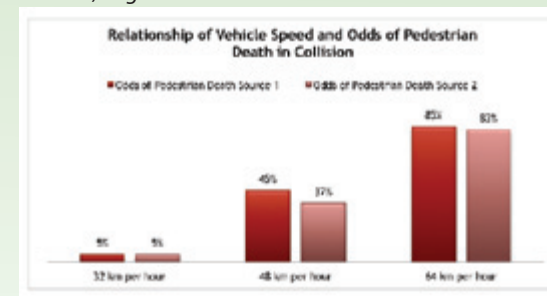
If this incident had turned out differently, the woman's family would be grieving their loss and seeking justice. I would be confronted by the justice system and could be charged with dangerous driving causing death or criminal negligence causing death. If any amount of alcohol is involved, charges would be more serious. In any case,

both families would never be the same. I NEVER want to be in that situation.

Interestingly enough, according to the long term data of the 23,240 pedestrian deaths in the US between 2010 and 2014, portable electronic devices were a factor in only 25 cases - not 25% but 25 cases, that works out to 0.1% of the total number of pedestrian deaths by electronic distraction!! So there's more at play than phones.

Speed of the vehicles is a huge factor. The UK Dept of Transportation in London, England has studied the issue and published the Odds of Pedestrian Deaths. The British study points out that Newton's Laws dictate that a doubling of vehicle speed results in a stopping distance four times as long and four times as much kinetic energy absorbed during an impact.

Killing Speed & Saving Lives, UK Dept of Transportation, London, England



A Finnish Traffic Speed/Pedestrian Death study states that "a speed of 50 km/hr increases the risk of a pedestrian death near 8 fold compared to 30 km/hr." New York City was so concerned about pedestrians being struck on left turns - three times more often than on right turns - they published a report in August 2016 to outline how to reduce left turn incidents. That confirms for me how dangerous cars turning left are for pedestrians.

Driving is a privilege and we must never forget it. Car drivers are out of the weather, they are sitting down, usually listening to music or their favourite radio station, not using more calories than it takes to breathe,

while pedestrians are battling the forces of nature - wind, snow, rain or sleet. They are expending a large number of calories and even more if they are herding children, groceries or dogs on leashes.

When you are behind the wheel, you are generally safer and more comfortable than the pedestrian. Save yourself a lot of angst and give them the right of way, even if they are in the wrong; they have so much more to lose than you do. Their loss could become yours as you face your own conscience and the courts as well.

Joey Stewart has had a major wake up call and is more careful than ever driving in the winter when pedestrians are bundled up and usually wearing black clothing in this fashion conscious culture. Photos by Joey Stewart Charts courtesy of the UK Transportation of London, England. Please share this article giving credit but without permission as a way to make everyone more aware of the danger.



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Killarney Calgary Police Services Update

The Calgary Police Service is aware of the increased presence of transient individuals in the vicinity of the McDonald’s on 35th Street and 17th Avenue SW. Our Community Resource Officer, Steve Gallant, has been working with social agencies and the McDonald’s management team to resolve the situation. McDonald’s has been very receptive to advice, respectful of all of their patrons and wants to be part of a lasting solution. The City of Calgary has a number of supports for people with addiction, mental health and homelessness concerns. The Calgary Police Service wants to encourage those individuals suffering from these challenges to engage with those resources. Those services are cen-

trally located in the downtown core. The Safe Communities Opportunity and Resource Center(or Sorce) has been open to the public Monday to Friday from 8:30 – 4:30pm, since June 18th, 2013. <http://www.sorce.ca>.

Residents of the community are reminded to contact police regarding suspicious individuals or activity.

Calgary Transit Security has recently occupied their new office space in the Westbrook Station. As a result, there will be an increased officer presence in the vicinity. Calgary Transit reports that calls for service on the west LRT line have surpassed other locations, which were traditionally busier. Work to ensure users safety is ongoing.

Lastly, the Calgary Police Service is asking residents to register for “The Hub”. This is a community automated notification system meant to keep residents informed on recent trends, information alerts, missing persons, emergent incidents, threats to school safety, crime prevention information and community events. You can register to receive landline and or cellular telephone options for the delivery of those notifications. Please visit <http://www.calgary.ca/cps/Pages/The-Hub.aspx> to register!!



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KILLARNEY LOVE STORY

Since February is the month of love, we decided to share a little Killarney Love Story. If you would like to share your own, send it in to news@killarneyglengarry.com!



Killarney Glengarry was the only hall we looked at when planning our wedding. When we walked in, we knew it was the right place. Karl and I knew that we wanted a place that would hold our closest friends and family with a great dance floor so we could have the best day of our lives. We had so much freedom with the decorations which made it even better. The ability to have a photo booth and a hot dog cart at the end of the night made it



so special. The neighbourhood cat who stopped by was a huge hit with all of the guests as well. The field next door, while rented separately, was the best place for our vows. It was the perfect place for an amazing day and since it is so close to home, I get to go passed it every so often and remember the fantastic time we had there.

–Shana and Karl Swanson

Timbits Soccer Program

This is a parented assisted program for children aged 4 to 8 years. U4 – U6 play in the park by the Glengarry Community Hall, U6 – U8 play at the Richmond School. We play in May and June Saturday mornings between 10 and 11AM. There will be a wrap up party for players and siblings on the Final Saturday.

The program is open to families with a current Community Association membership for the primary benefit of Killarney Glengarry, Richmond Knob Hill, Bankview and Rutland Park/ Currie Barracks.

The cost is \$40.00 per child plus membership.

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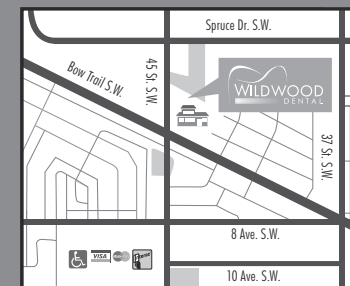


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Killarney/Glengarry Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Killarney/Glengarry MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2016	\$674,900.00	\$677,500.00
November 2016	\$679,900.00	\$655,000.00
October 2016	\$652,400.00	\$637,500.00
September 2016	\$649,900.00	\$654,000.00
August 2016	\$679,900.00	\$683,000.00
July 2016	\$583,000.00	\$563,750.00
June 2016	\$709,900.00	\$695,000.00
May 2016	\$699,900.00	\$680,000.00
April 2016	\$687,400.00	\$660,500.00
March 2016	\$749,900.00	\$720,000.00
February 2016	\$585,900.00	\$565,000.00
January 2016	\$609,450.00	\$575,000.00

Last 12 Months Killarney/Glengarry MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
December 2016	5	6
November 2016	14	11
October 2016	4	16
September 2016	18	10
August 2016	16	13
July 2016	10	10
June 2016	14	9
May 2016	12	13
April 2016	13	10
March 2016	24	7
February 2016	14	3
January 2016	10	4

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	4		2		6		8	
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IN & AROUND CALGARY

February Is Heart Month

Do you know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and what to do if someone experiences these? Knowing can make the difference between life and death. Recognizing and responding immediately to the warning signs of a potential heart attack can significantly improve survival and recovery.

February is Heart Month - take the time to be heart safe and learn how you can reduce your risk.

Know the signs of a heart attack

(Any, or all, of these signs & symptoms may occur)

- Chest discomfort described as crushing, squeezing, pressure, or heaviness;
- Discomfort that moves beyond the chest, such as the shoulder, arm, neck, or jaw;
- Shortness of breath, sweating, or nausea and vomiting.

Reduce your risk

Heart attack risk factors include:

- Obesity*
- Sedentary lifestyle*
- Smoking*
- High cholesterol*
- Age / gender
- Family history

Speak with your doctor about how to treat your modifiable (*) risk factors and learn to be heart safe.

What to do when seconds count

- Call 9-1-1 immediately. Early treatment can greatly reduce heart damage and make the difference of life and death;
- Treatment starts the moment EMS arrives. Paramedics can provide oxygen, start an intravenous and perform an electrocardiogram (ECG);
- Paramedics can also administer important medication(s) in the early minutes of a heart attack to lessen heart damage;
- During transport, EMS will share information with the hospital, so definitive treatment can begin immediately upon arrival;
- Take a CPR/AED (automated external defibrillator) course. Training is widely available from many reputable organizations. It's easy, inexpensive, and only takes a few hours.

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Combating Homelessness

On average, there are some 3,000 people who are homeless every night in our city. Homelessness is a reality for too many Canadians and a challenge for every Canadian community. Our government believes that all Canadians deserve access to affordable housing that meets their needs.

It's why my colleague in cabinet, Minister Jean-Yves Duclos, committed to creating a National Housing Strategy. Last year he released a report on the initial stages of this strategy – the result of consultations with non-profits, front-line workers, Canadians, and experts in the field. You can read more on the strategy at his website, www.LetsTalkHousing.ca.

Closer to home, it was my honour to be able to announce \$1.8 million to the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness. This grant will be used by this local, Calgary-based organization to train workers in 42 communities across Canada in the Housing First program. It's one part of the plan to work on this important file.

In the last decade there has been a growing gap in what we've done for Canadians struggling with homelessness.

One such example is the terms and conditions of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy that have not evolved at the same pace as need since 1999. Budget 2016 invested an additional \$111.8 million in the Strategy to help homeless Canadians find stable housing. This investment will provide more resources to tackle homelessness, and increase support for vulnerable groups.

Fundamentally, this government intends on re-establishing federal leadership in housing. The federal government is taking steps to create better housing outcomes for all Canadians. To give Canadians greater access to affordable housing, Budget 2016 increased the Government's investment in affordable housing by \$ 2.3 billion over two years. This funding is in addition to annual federal investments of close to \$2.3 billion

toward pre-existing housing program commitments – creating critical, long-term investments that will better our country moving forward.

In addition, our National Housing Strategy, which will cover the entire housing continuum, including homelessness, will be launching in 2017. The strategy will provide stakeholders with an inclusive long term framework which will ensure stability and predictability for our housing partners. Again, I invite you to give a gander at www.LetsTalkHousing.ca as Minister Duclos continues in his good work.

We believe that there is a role for government and one that is active in supporting Canadians. I am proud of the work of our government and am inspired by the tireless dedication that non-profits, non-profit staff, and regular Canadians put into making our country a better place for all.

As always, you can contact my office by email at kent.hehr@parl.gc.ca or by phone at 403.244.1880. My office is located at 950 6 Ave SW and my door is always open to you. You can follow my work in Parliament online and sign up for my e-newsletter at www.KentHehrMP.ca.



Valentine Chocolate Trivia

Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for Valentine's Day in the late 1800s. Today, over \$1 billion worth of chocolate is purchased for Valentine's Day in the U.S. per year.

REAL ESTATE COUNCIL OF ALBERTA



Ask Charles

I saw a house for sale, and I want to check it out – will I have to sign a contract to get a real estate professional to show me the house?

The short answer is no. If you see a house for sale and you simply want a real estate professional to show you that house, you're not required to sign a contract.

Simply viewing a home with a real estate professional doesn't trigger a regulatory requirement to sign a contract with that real estate professional. However, if you start sharing confidential information such as your motivation for buying or your financial qualification, the real estate professional has a responsibility to clarify your working relationship, at which point they are going to provide you with some documents to review.

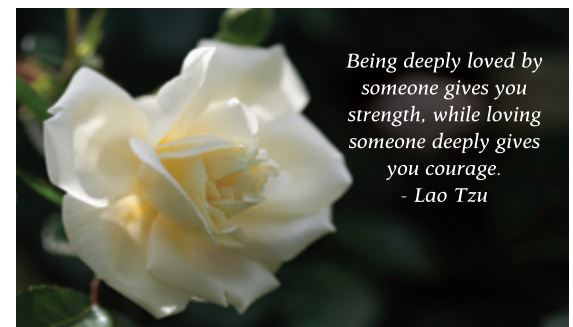
In the process of clarifying your working relationship, the first document a real estate professional should present to you is the Consumer Relationships Guide. The Consumer Relationships Guide is a mandatory document for real estate professionals when they begin working with a buyer or seller of residential real estate. It explains the different types of working relationships between real estate professionals and consumers.

The Consumer Relationships Guide is not a contract. It does not commit you to a specific ongoing working relationship with your real estate professional, but it is an essential information piece for consumers to understand what working with a licensed real estate professional entails. Among other things, it discusses responsibilities and obligations.

The Consumer Relationships Guide contains an acknowledgement that consumers have to sign indicating they've read the Guide, understand it, and have been provided with an opportunity to ask the real estate professional questions about it. Consumers need to review and sign the Guide before entering into any contract with a real estate professional.

Some real estate professionals may actually present the Consumer Relationships Guide and request that you sign the acknowledgement even before showing you a single property, but that specific practice is not a requirement.

"Ask Charles" is a monthly question and answer column by Charles Stevenson, Director of Professional Standards with the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA), www.reca.ca. RECA is the independent, non-government agency responsible for the regulation of Alberta's real estate industry. We license, govern, and set the standards of practice for all real estate, mortgage brokerage, and real estate appraisal professionals in Alberta. To submit a question, email ask-charles@reca.ca.



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Community Traffic Safety Meeting

Recently, my colleagues and I on City Council requested that the Calgary Police Service work with Administration to develop a Community Traffic Enforcement plan. One of the most important elements of creating this plan is to take time to meet with communities to both educate and get feedback on concerns and areas where residents feel enforcement is needed. It could be the need for more painted crosswalks, a pedestrian refuge at a busy intersection, or widened sidewalks and I know that no one knows the neighbourhood better than its residents.

Ward 8 will be hosting our Community Traffic Safety Meeting in **March** and I'd love to see members of every community come out to help us make our roads safer for everyone. You can find information about the date and location on our website: www.calgary.ca/ward8

Assessment - Customer Review Period

As many of you likely know, property tax assessment notices were mailed as of the beginning of January. Last fall, Council unanimously agreed to a 0% municipal tax increase for 2017 in response to the financial struggles that so many Calgarians have been facing recently. When you receive your assessment, ensure that the factual information that is on record for your property is right. This can mean that the square footage is correct, that any listed additions or renovations have been properly marked, etc. Also, make sure that it seems to be a reasonable estimate of market value (for property) as of July 1 of the previous year. And, that it is equitable compared to similar properties or premises.

The Customer Review Period runs from **January 5 - March 6, 2017**. In this time, if you have any questions or concerns about your assessment, you can contact the Assessment department at 403-268-2888. If you have questions about setting up a Tax Instalment Payment Plan, you can contact 3-1-1. Both mine and your property taxes go towards paying for crucial services like Police, Transit, Fire, Roads, Parks and more. There's no doubt that we are in a difficult economic climate, the reality is that Calgary as a city is still growing. Last year alone we saw an increase of approximately 40,000 people to the city and an increasing population means an increased need for services and infrastructure. Feel free to contact my office at ward08@calgary.ca or 403-268-2431 if you have any questions or concerns.



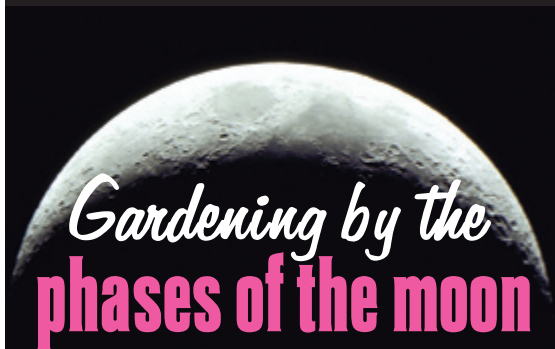
When It Comes to Heirlooms, It's Personal

Suzanne Smith-Demers – Consultant

When a family member dies, personal items and heirlooms can be the cause of significant conflict among family members. Once obligations to a spouse and dependents are met, you can generally leave your estate to whomever you want. However making decisions regarding personal effects and family heirlooms is often one of the most difficult parts of the estate planning process. Here are some tips to avoid potential disputes:

- **Eliminate surprises** Share the contents of your Will with your heirs to avoid surprises after you are gone.
- **Understand that fairness doesn't always mean equal** Decide what fairness means to you and distribute your items accordingly.
- **Appraise and consult** Have your personal property appraised and consult with your heirs to ensure the items you bequeath are appropriately valued – both monetarily and emotionally.
- **Make a list** Attach to your Will a letter or memorandum that lists your personal property items and the heirs who should get each. Be sure that the memorandum is incorporated into the terms of the Will.
- **Choose now** While you're still alive, list or lay out your personal items and have your heirs take turns choosing what they want.
- **Choose later** If you don't want your heirs to select your personal items in advance but still prefer they are the ones who chose, leave a direction in your Will that your heirs are to choose items in turn.

Having an estate plan that includes a Will is vital to ensuring your legacy is left as you wish. But keep in mind that people can change their minds and your heirs may not necessarily want what you plan to give them – so keep things flexible. Talk to your professional advisor about the best estate planning strategies for you.



Gardening by the phases of the moon

February 3 First Quarter (waxing)

Moonlight is strong, encouraging leaf growth. It is a good time for planting, especially two days before the full moon. Take cuttings from plants you wish to propagate. Fertilize as close to the full moon as possible.

February 10 Full Moon (waning)

As the moon wanes, the energy is drawing down. Strong gravitational pull but moonlight is decreasing putting energy into the roots.

February 18 Last Quarter (waning)

Decreased gravitational pull and moonlight. A resting period. Take cuttings from plants you wish to propagate. Dry herbs, flowers and fruit. If you want to control growth or encourage rooting, perform the necessary activities during the waning moon.

February 26 New Moon (waxing)

Increasing moonlight, lunar gravity pulls water up encouraging plant growth and proliferation. Grafting, transplanting, re-potting, and watering. Gather herbs used for essential oils. Oil content is more concentrated at this time.



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The arrival of February means longer days and more time to spend outdoors with family or friends. And if you are like me and enjoy Alberta's natural beauty, then be sure to mark February 21 on your calendars because starting then you can make reservations at camp sites across Alberta. You can reserve a spot online at Reserve.AlbertaParks.ca or by phoning the Contact Centre at 1-877-537-2757 (toll-free in North America). Till then - happy skiing!

February is also when Albertans celebrate Family Day. First celebrated in 1990, Family Day has become an opportunity for many Albertans to spend time with their families. However, if you have to work this holiday to provide for your family it is important that you be fairly compensated for doing so. If you are unsure, I encourage you to call the Employment Standards Contact Centre at 780-427-3731 or 1-877-

427-3731. Many have also asked about other initiatives our government is taking to help Alberta families. I am pleased to report here that the government is currently assessing proposals to create 18 new child care facilities that will directly support Alberta working families. The government anticipates that successful applicants will be notified in March 2017. Be sure to watch for this announcement!

On the doorsteps of Calgary Currie many of you have told me being a Climate Leader is important because it helps diversify our province's economy. In early January qualifying households should have received their first payment of Alberta's Climate Leadership Adjustment Rebate (ACLAR) - a tax-free amount paid to low and middle income individuals and families - that is designed to help you adjust to the new provincial carbon price. A variety of programs and services provided by Energy Efficiency Alberta are also being implemented to ensure that we remain Climate Leaders. For more information on the installation of energy-efficient products or small scale renewables for your home, business, non-profits, or institutions please contact the agency directly at 1-844-357-5604 (toll-free). In addition to these measures, the new Capital Investment Tax Credit is designed to encourage timely capital investments that offer opportunities for economic growth. The first application period began January 16 and will end later this month on February 15. For more information on how to apply please contact: CITC.program@gov.ab.ca.

February's arrival also means that my colleagues and I will be returning to the legislature where I work hard to represent the interests of you and your family. For me to do this well, it is important that I hear from you directly. That is why you will see me out door knocking at every opportunity or speaking with your neighbours at community events. I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for sharing your hopes for Alberta with me, and in particular, to those of you who returned to my office the mail-out surveys that you received in December. And as always, if you have any additional questions, concerns, or would like me to attend an event in your community, please do not hesitate to contact my office by phone (403-246-4794), by email (calgary.currie@assembly.ab.ca), or in person (2108 B - 33 Avenue SW).



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- Kent Hehr, MP
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An update from Kent Hehr, your Member of Parliament for Calgary Centre
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