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### **Top 4 New Year's Resolutions** for a Better Neighbourhood

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities **Building Safe Communities Program** 

Happy New Year! A better neighbourhood starts with you - start 2017 by being a good neighbour!

Here are 4 initiatives you can do to improve your neighbourhood:

- 1. Don't be a stranger Make it an objective to say "hello" to at least three neighbours that you don't know by name. Who knows maybe you'll make new friends!
- 2. Experience the great outdoors Plenty of neighbourhoods across our city have access to parks and pathways. Make it a point to be outside more often. Not only is getting outside good for your mental and physical health but it can build a greater appreciation for your neighbourhood.
- 3. Look out for one another Creating a safer community requires doing 1) and 2) on the list. When you're connected to your neighbours a sense of safety can be achieved. The more often you're outside, you can readily identify any unsafe aspects in your community.
- 4. Purchase a membership Obtaining or renewing an annual membership to your community association can offer social, recreational opportunities and community life.

For more resources check out our website at www. calgarycommunities.com under the Building Safe Communities tab.

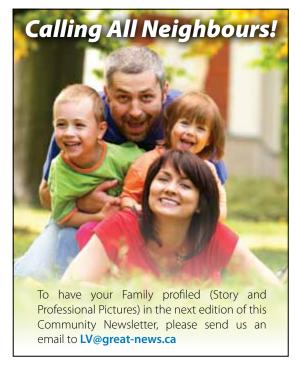
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#### Feb. 11, 25 D&D Meet-up at The Sentry Box, Upper Mezzanine, 10 am - 5:30 pm

Whether you're a seasoned player or just curious about this type of role playing game, this D&D meet-up could be for you. Join this group who are dedicated players and welcome everyone, and with multiple ongoing campaigns new dungeon masters are encouraged to step up as well. More info http://dnd.meetup.com/157/about/

#### Feb. 14 – 25 Skylight at Theatre Calgary

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#### Feb. 24, 25 Winefest at Stampede Park BMO Centre

2016 Winefest Calgary was a delicious success! Attendees were afforded the opportunity to sample hundreds of red, white, port, sparkling, fruit and dessert wines from 15 different countries! To complement the delicious sips a selection of palate pleasing hors d'oeuvres will be served, along with a variety of tantalizing bites available from local businesses! Tickets and info www.celebratewinefest.com

#### Feb. 25 Coldest Night of the Year Walk Fundraiser at various Canadian cities

Walk with us on the Coldest Night of the Year, a super-fun, family-friendly fundraiser that raises money for the hungry, homeless, and hurting across Canada. Coldest Night of the Year 2017 officially launches on December 1, 2016, but you can register now! You'll see more and more features magically appear on the site as we get closer to launch. More info and registration www.canada.cnoy.org

## IN & AROUND CALGARY

### **EMS: Sledding Safety**

Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and children of some basic sledding safety tips as the winter season continues. Sledding injuries can result from collisions with stationary objects, such as trees and rocks, or with other people on the hill. Unprotected falls can result in injury if you lose control at high speeds. Everyone is at risk – especially children. Have a fun and safe trip on the toboggan hill by following these simple reminders:

#### Equipment

- · Always ensure your toboggan or sledding device is in good repair. Inspect it for any damage, or missing parts before each use;
- · Be certain the operator is fully capable of staying in control of the sled at all times;
- · Children should wear a properly fitted helmet designed for other high impact sports such as hockey, cycling, or climbing.

#### Plan ahead

- Dress warmly in layers and anticipate weather changes;
- Consider bringing extra sets of gloves and toques to exchange wet garments for dry ones;
- Take breaks to warm up out of the cold;
- Attempt to cover exposed skin from the elements;
- Even when properly protected from the elements, the finger tips, toes, ears, the tip of the nose, and other high points on the face such as the forehead and cheeks may be affected by the cold;
- If a cold-related emergency has occurred, treat it by first removing the individual from of the environment;
- Gently warm the affected skin by placing a warm hand over it or by placing the affected part in warm water (~41°C max.) until re-warmed.

#### Hazards

- Avoid hills that are too steep, or too icy you can lose control very quickly;
- Choose hills free of all obstacles such as trees, rocks, utility poles, or fences;
- · Beware of loose clothing (i.e. scarves), or clothing containing drawstrings which can present a choking hazard if they become caught or snagged.



### Women's English and Social Group

Improve your spoken English and meet new women in vour community with the New Friends and Neighbourhood Groups program. Drop in at one of our weekly groups throughout the city. No cost, no immigration requirements and no minimum English requirement. Free childcare provided for children 6 months to 6 years old. Visit www.ciwa-online.com for group locations and times or contact Debra Colley at 403-444-1752 or debrac@ciwa-online.com.





### **Celebrate Family Day** at the Library!

Drop in for activities, storytimes, and more this Family Day. Everyone's welcome to join in the celebration happening at these community libraries:

Country Hills | Crowfoot | Fish Creek | Saddletowne | Shawnessy | Signal Hill

February 20, Noon- 5:00 pm | No registration required.

#Read150

Canada 150—read 150 books in 2017! Pick up your free Great Reads 2017 reading guide from any community library in Calgary. It's chock full of incredible reading recommendations for every member of your family. Visit calgarylibrary.ca to find out how you can be entered to win great prizes just for reading!

Bill's Book Café with Evan Woolley

All Calgarians are welcome to join Bill's Book Café! Library CEO Bill Ptacek and City Councillor Evan Woolley host a lively discussion of The Sisters Brothers by Patrick deWitt.

Alexander Calhoun Library Friday, February 24 | 7:00 pm





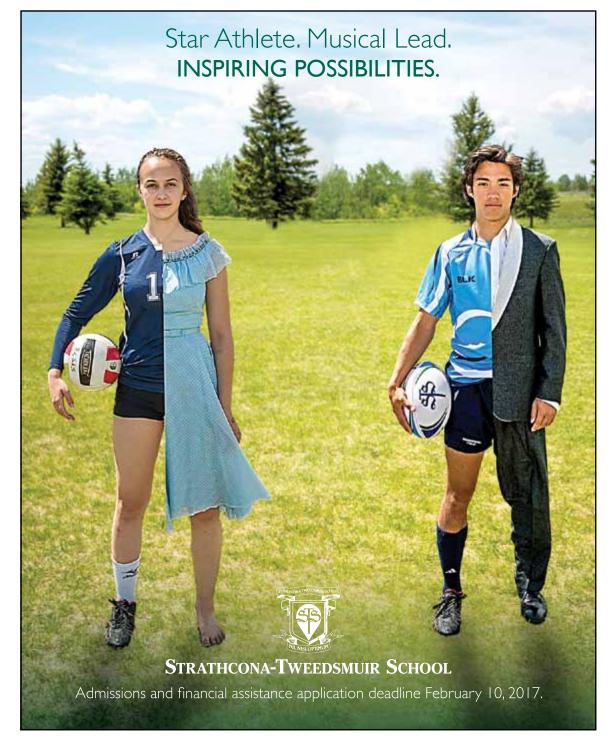
Last 12 Months Lakeview MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2016	\$649,900	\$623,500
November 2016	\$583,950	\$573,750
October 2016	\$699,900	\$675,000
September 2016	\$539,900	\$530,000
August 2016	\$548,900	\$535,000
July 2016	\$954,450	\$827,500
	\$649,900	\$637,000
May 2016	\$649,900	\$631,355
	\$595,000	\$570,000
March 2016	\$515,000	\$492,500
February 2016	\$524,000	\$509,500
January 2016	\$1,150,000	\$922,500

Last 12 Months Lakeview MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
December 2016	2	4
November 2016	5	2
October 2016	9	7
September 2016	8	11
August 2016	6	5
July 2016	3	2
June 2016	10	9
May 2016	11	9
April 2016	8	3
March 2016	8	5
February 2016	5	3
January 2016	7	3

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





I'm selling my home, and the potential buyers also want to use my real estate professional to represent them. Is that allowed?

To submit a question, email askcharles@reca.ca.

Yes, that's allowed. The situation you're referring to is called transaction brokerage. Transaction brokerage is a service option when your real estate professional represents a buyer client interested in purchasing the property in which you are the seller client. The reverse is also true – transaction brokerage is a service option when you're interested in buying a property and the property's seller is also represented by your real estate professional.

When a real estate professional works on behalf of only one client in a transaction – the buyer or the seller - they have legal responsibilities, which include:

- undivided loyalty to their client
- acting in their client's best interest at all times
- the duty to avoid conflicts of interest
- the duty to disclose conflicts of interest when they ar-

Transaction brokerage changes the services your real estate professional is able to provide to you and to the other party in the transaction. A real estate professional who is working with both the buyer and the seller in a transaction cannot fulfill all of their legal responsibilities because there is a conflict between the best interests of the buyer and those of the seller. The buyer wants to pay as little as possible for the property, while the seller wants to sell their property for the highest possible price. It is impossible for a real estate professional to advocate for and represent the best interests of a buver client AND seller client in the same transaction.

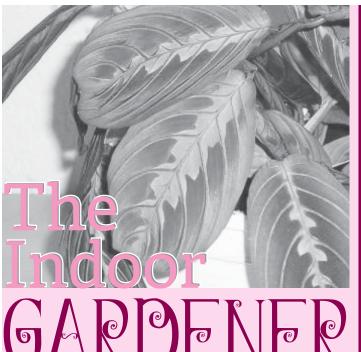
This is when and why transaction brokerage becomes an option. In transaction brokerage, the real estate professional will provide facilitation services to you and the other party. These services include:

- helping the buyer and seller negotiate an agreement
- giving the buyer and seller property statistics and information, including comparative information from listing services and local databases
- providing and preparing agreements of purchase and sale, and other relevant documents according to the buyer and seller's instructions

A transaction facilitator has to treat both parties in an even-handed, objective, and impartial manner. They must remain neutral, not advocate for either you or the buyer, and they cannot provide confidential advice.

Before a real estate professional proceeds with transaction brokerage, both the buyer and the seller need to provide their informed consent by signing an Agreement to Represent both Buyer and Seller. Informed consent means each client understands the facts, implications, and future consequences of providing their consent. You do not have to consent to transaction brokerage. If you don't consent to it, or the other party doesn't, there are other options available to you such as seeking representation from a different real estate professional.

"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.



by Cindy DeJager

#### PRAYER PLANT

(marantaceae leuconeura erythroneura) Origin: Brazil

In the evening the leaves stand up facing each other, like praying hands, and lay flat during the day.

This is one of my favourite house plants! I love a plant that has something special about it - and this one certainly does.

#### **HOW DOES A PRAYER PLANT PRAY**

Circadian rhythm, the change in light from day to night, triggers water to move in and out of the plant cells causing them to fold up at night, hence the name, Prayer Plant.

The most popular are the colourful marantaceae leuconeura erythroneura (Herring bone, Red-nerve plant, Red-veined prayer plant) with its burgundy veined leaves (pictured above), and the green m. leuconeura kerchoviana (Rabbit track).

These plants don't like the cold – so a windowsill in the winter may cause the edges of the leaves to brown. Browning of the leaf edges may also indicate low humidity.

Maranta loves humidity but not wet soil make sure that your tropical potting mixture has some vermiculite or perlite in it for good drainage.

Feed it every 2 weeks with a 10-10-5 plant

Moderate lighting; no direct sunlight for this beauty; otherwise you will notice the color fading from the leaves.

As a matter of fact, most vibrant and colourful foliage does not need direct sunlight at all; rather, pale foliage and variegated houseplants require brighter or direct sunlight to produce photosynthesis.

The secret to success with the Prayer Plant is high humidity.

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- ◆ Forty word limit

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## The Boreal Chickadee

bv JG Turner

The Boreal Chickadee is a typical member of the chickadee family: noisy, active and highly social. Although considered 'large' by chickadee standards, the Boreal Chickadee is a very small bird (weighing in at .2 - .4 oz or 7-12 g, 4.7-5.5" or 12-14 cm long). It has a dull brown cap, rufous (rich brown) sides and flanks and whitish cheeks, wears a black bib and has a tiny dark bill and short dark tail. All members of the Boreal Chickadee family share the same brown toned colouring. The Boreal Chickadee has the same flight pattern as its other chickadee relatives: it makes short flights from place to place on rapidly beating wings, alternating a few guick shallow strokes then pulling its wings to its sides to glide briefly before beating them again.

#### **Fun Facts:**

- This little bird is a year round resident in boreal forests in its range, which goes all the way up to the Arctic Circle, all across Canada.
- In Alberta, the Boreal Chickadee can be seen in the mountains, foothills, northern parklands and boreal forests. It is the most common chickadee found in the extreme northeast and northwest of the province. The Black-capped Chickadee is more commonly found in
- Its habitat is coniferous forests, but it can also be found in mixed woods forests, where it can be seen foraging for seeds, insects and their pupae and larvae, in the foliage of coniferous and deciduous trees, even hanging upside down to access a food source!
- Pairs remain together and they nest in holes in trees or stubs, such as in a natural cavity or old woodpecker holes.

- The Boreal Chickadee has several survival strategies for living in a cold climate:
- it hides food in the fall:
- it has denser feathers than most other birds and puts on heavier plumage in the fall, creating a comfortable 'parka' for itself; and
- in cold weather, it can lower its body temp at night from 42C to 29C (108F to 85F) which conserves stores of insulating fat.

The Boreal Chickadee often flocks with other bird species in the winter and will visit backvard feeders, where they can be seen squabbling amongst themselves over access to the feeder. They are attracted by suet, raw sunflower seeds and shelled peanuts.

If you find an injured or orphaned Boreal Chickadee or other wild bird or animal, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society at 403-239-2488 for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at www.calgarywilodlife.org for more information.





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#### A Year in Review

Happy New Year! I hope you had a great holiday season. I wanted to take a moment and share a 'Year in Review' for Ward 11 in 2016, and to talk about what is on the horizon for 2017.

This past year we've had some exciting developments in the Ward:

#### 20th Street SW Bikeway

The bike lanes are open for you use! This project brought road design improvements and new pavement along the route. Remember we all need to move together, and be aware of pedestrians, cyclists, vehicles, and some changes to parking.

#### 37th Street SW Storm Trunk Project - Phase 2

Phase 2 includes construction from south of 66th Avenue SW to the Elbow River. This portion is currently in the preliminary design phase.

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW Corridor Study

The City is wrapping up Phase 3 engagement of its Transportation Corridor Study of 50th Avenue SW between Crowchild Trail and 14A Street SW. As part of Phase 3, the project team sought feedback to help inform the evaluation, identify a preferred design concept and refine the recommended design concept.

#### 61st Avenue SW Greenway Corridor

Construction on 61st Avenue SW continues. Please check the proposed alternate routes map to help you avoid delays on your commute. In conjunction with this project is the construction of the 61st Avenue SW Pedestrian Bridge, aiming for completion late 2017.

#### Anderson Pedestrian Bridge

The Pedestrian Overpass is now open to pedestrians and cyclists, connecting the communities of Cedarbrae and Woodbine. This connection replaces at-grade crossing at Anderson Road and 37th Street SW, to which pathway users will no longer have access to when construction begins on the South West Calgary Ring Road.

#### **Crowchild Trail-Flanders Avenue Interchange**

The Interchange is now open! Landscaping and final

finishing work will begin in spring 2017, with all interchange construction complete in summer 2017.

#### **Crowchild Trail Study November Update**

The City is now in Phase 6: Reporting and Completion of their study looking at Crowchild Trail between 24th Avenue NW and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW. Although this portion does not pass directly through Ward 11, Crowchild Trail is an important commuter road to other parts of the city.

#### **Deerfoot Trail Study Update**

The City of Calgary and Alberta Transportation are working together to study Deerfoot Trail and recommend safety and mobility improvements. Although not in Ward 11, Deerfoot Trail is used by many of us, and is a significant artery in the city.

#### **South Crosstown BRT**

The South Crosstown BRT route is primarily set and will not require new roadways. With the exception of three new stations planned in the future, existing stop locations used for Route 306 will be used from Westbrook to Heritage LRT Stations. The route will then extend east of Macleod Trail to Quarry Park.

#### **SW Transitway BRT**

At this time, the project team is finalizing the designs of the north portion of the SW BRT, from Glenmore North to downtown. The project team expects to go to tender very soon, with construction beginning next year. For the south portion, the project team has been working with ATCO to prepare for their work on replacing the gas lines under 14th Street SW, as part of ATCO's Urban Pipeline Replacement Program. We expect that work to also begin in 2017. As soon as our office gets further information or notice of any public events, we will share this with residents of the area.

Thank you for your patience as the City works hard to create better connectivity through diverse modes of transportation for all citizens.

Remember to subscribe to your Ward 11 updates at www.ward11calgary.ca, or by emailing my office at ward11@calgary.ca. Happy New Year!

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## Dear Constituents: **Happy New Year!**

I hope all of you had an excellent holiday season with family, friends and loved ones. I would like to express my deep gratitude to all of you who came to our Holiday Open House on December 9, 2016. My staff and I were thrilled to share joyous moments with you there. As we are entering the New Year, I am delighted to share our government's achievements along with my participation and contributions in the house in 2016.

**Pipelines:** I am very proud the Kinder Morgan and Line 3 pipelines were given federal approval. I know we Albertans have been waiting for this day for a very long time; finally our Premier and governments tireless efforts have paid off. Our made-in Alberta plan is getting results to ensure Albertans do not have to choose between jobs and the environment; this proves we can have the best of both. This decision means access to the largest market in the world and fairer value for our oil and gas resources, jobs and prosperity for Albertans and Canadians alike, and an end to Alberta's energy resource landlock. Many congratulations to all of you and thanks to the federal government.

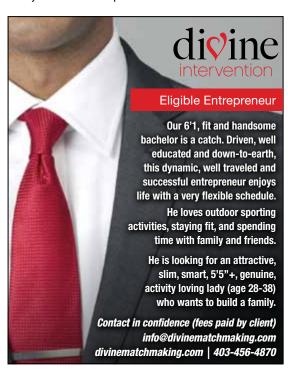
Alberta Investor Tax Credit (AITC) & Capital Investment Tax Credit (CITC): While in session, another moment of pride for me was to represent Calgary-Glenmore as cosponsor of Bill 30: Investing in a Diversified Alberta Economy Act through the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade. This bill is a big step towards promoting economic diversification, supporting employers and entrepreneurs, creating jobs and new opportunities, encouraging investment and providing security for future generations.

The AITC is a great incentive for entrepreneurs because it supports enterprises in the early stages of development. It gives a 30% Tax Credit to investors in a wide range of sectors, including renewable energy, manufacturing or processing, agriculture, agri-business and agri-food, transportation and logistics, financial services, creative industries and tourism. This credit would support up to 4,400 new jobs over three years and contribute up to \$500 million to the province's GDP.

The CITC supports large scale capital investments in manufacturing, processing, infrastructure and tourism through a 10% tax credit.

My participation in the house to support this bill consisted not only a speech but also a short poem I wrote. You can see both of these on my Facebook page. Both credits apply to a wide range of investments and I would highly encourage you all to consider applying for them. For further information on these investment credits please contact our office and we will be happy to assist you.

Every time I enter the House, I feel very proud of the extensive entrepreneurial spirit, exceptional talents and extraordinary intellect in Calgary-Glenmore that I represent. As this New Year gets under way, I want to wish you the best in all your endeavors and look forward to working with you to move our province forward.





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This is a fantastic opportunity for people looking to learn some excellent, introductory information about Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, or who may be searching for additional support, resources, hope and inspiration. There is no cost to attend but registration is required.

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