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MLCA Board Meeting

Board meetings are held the first Monday of every month (except in July and August). If you would like to address the Board, or simply attend one of these meetings, please contact: president@mardaloop.com
Upcoming Dates: Monday, February 1 and Monday, March 7, 2016
Starts: 7:00 pm
Location: MLCA Hall, 3130 - 16 Street SW

Seniors Gathering

Join us on the first Monday of every month to hear guest speakers, participate in light fitness activities and games, and meet some of your neighbors. Coffee and light snacks are served. MLCA membership ($10 annual) is required to attend this program. For more information call **403-244-5411 x22**. Members may e-mail: **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** with questions or suggestions.
Upcoming 2016 dates: February 1, March 7, April 4, May 2, and June 6
Starts: 9:00 am
Location: MLCA Hall, 3130 - 16 Street SW

2016 Fireside Chat Series Topic 'Words West'

This year our Fireside Chat will feature a panel of three prominent authors, Brian Brennan, Sharon Butala (Member of the Order of Canada) and Ruth Scalplock with moderator Shaun Hunter. Be sure to join us for what promises to be a fascinating evening of conversation,

accompanied by wine and cheese. For more information email atlarge3@mardaloop.com
Date: February 8, 2016
Starts: 7:00pm
Location: MLCA Hall, 3130 16 Street SW
Cost: $20 MLCA Members, Senior Members $15, Guests $25

Wine & Cheese Tasting

Take a night off from the New Year's resolutions and join your neighbours as we enjoy a selection of wine and cheese from local vendors. To attend please register at www.mardaloop.com by February 15 or email events@mardaloop.com for more information.
Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2016
Starts: 7:30 pm
Location: MLCA Lower Hall, 3130 16 Street SW
Cost: $25 per person (guests are welcome but must be accompanied by an MLCA member)

Save the Date - Indulge

Enjoy a wine and food affair in your backyard! Join us for a fantastic evening of culinary treats, wine and beer, all served up by local restaurants and merchants. Watch this space for more details next month.
Date: Saturday, May 28, 2016

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President's Message

Well it has been a very wintery month. Great for taking in all the wonderful outdoor activities that our beautiful province has to offer. The MLCA skating rinks (yes there are two) have never been in better condition thanks both to Mother Nature but also and most importantly, thanks to our team of fabulously dedicated ice rink volunteers led by our Director of Ice, Johnny (Ice) Hammill. They are those stalwart heroes out there early in the morning and late in the evening, watering and clearing the ice to make it ready for our community members. It is a tough job but they tell me it's very satisfying when they can witness the families out pleasure skating or the kids playing an informal game of shinny. Hope you have an opportunity to come out and enjoy it and if you would like to be part of this volunteer group, I'm sure they would welcome another set of hands.

Preschool registration has already kicked off for the 2016-2017 school year. If you have a child age 3 or 4, check out our new fully renovated Preschool space at the Calgary Community Reformed Church. If you missed the Open House this past month, contact our Preschool Committee for information about the program and schedule a tour. Details are available on our website at www.mardaloop.com/programs-list/preschool.

And for the adults, Wine Appreciation Nights are back the third Wednesday of each month. As well, Fireside Chat returns on February 8th with Words West. Join us and three Alberta-based authors for readings, a panel discussion and some wine and cheese. A great way to spend an evening. Additional information and tickets are available on our website under Events.

As always I look forward to your feedback and welcome any questions or comments. Drop me a note anytime at president@mardaloop.com.

Anne Kaufmann, President

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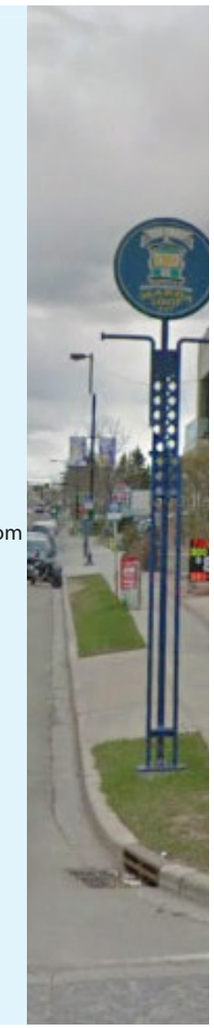

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Marda Loop Communities Association

2016 Third Annual Fireside Chats

By Pat Paterson

Back by popular demand, Fireside Chats warms us up and prepares us to be amazed in the New Year! Join neighbors and guests on Monday, February 8 for an evening around our Marda Loop Hall fireside. Wine, cheese and good company welcome you to our Third Annual Fireside Chat. Come early, partake of the wine and cheese and meet authors Brian Brennan, Sharon Butala and Ruth Scalp Lock. During the panel, our writers will read from their published works, chat and answer questions from our audience.

We are pleased to welcome our Moderator, Shaun Hunter, Calgary writer who presents our panel and topic, 'WORDS WEST'. "Shaun's popular blog series, "Writing the City" features Calgary seen through the eyes of writers."

Brian Brennan's 'Leaving Dublin' relates his travels and life experiences as he travels and makes music on his way to Canada finally making his home in Calgary. His colorful, historic portraits of Albertans include 'Rebels and Rogues' and 'Scoundrels and Scalliwags'; Brian's 11 nonfiction books of biography and popular history, feature characters from Canada's West. Published works also include the biography of 19th century Irish-language poet named Yellow Mary O'Leary and the centennial history of the Calgary Public Library.

Sharon Butala's move to Calgary in the last eight years brings an Officer of the Order of Canada to our city. Her memoir, 'The Perfection of the Morning', one of her 15 books, is a much-loved soulful reflection of Sharon's adaptation to ranching life, providing insight into her inner and outer landscape. Her current novel, 'Wild Rose' casts an unblinking eye on a merciless West through Sophie, a French-Canadian woman, mother and entrepreneur whose life spans several provinces and the myriad changes in Canada.

Ruth Scalp Lock joined by co-author, Jim Pritchard reads from her memoir, 'My Name is Shield Woman-A Hard Road to Healing, -Vision, and Leadership'. Courageously, she shares her origins in Alberta, her residential school experience and transformative efforts in claiming freedom and redemption for her People. Ruth's instrumental work continues both in Siksika and at the Awo Taan Healing Lodge Society in Calgary. We are pleased to have Awo Taanaakii (her Blackfoot name) joining our Fireside Chat to share her wisdom with our audience.

We hope you will enjoy our panel presentation, readings and interaction with Calgary's award-wining authors. Please support Marda Loop's 'one of a kind' 2016 Fireside Chat. Hope to see you there from 7-9 p.m. Tickets on sale at www.mardaloop.com Call 403-244-5411 for more information.

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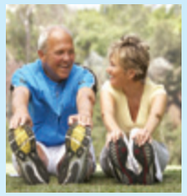

Art in the Loop

The MLCA is proud to offer a series of beginner-level Art classes hosted in the Upper Hall of the MLCA building. All art supplies will be provided by our Art Teacher. This is meant to be an introductory art class for everyone; however, we welcome anyone who wants to come for an enjoyable afternoon of fun and art.
When: Tuesday, February 23rd from 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Cost: $15/person/class (GST not included)

Grass Roots Hockey

Grass Roots Hockey Has Returned to the MLCA
Calgary's Inter-community Grassroots Hockey League is an alternative hockey league that was created to give children aged 4 -14 an opportunity to play ice hockey in a fun, non-competitive and affordable environment. This city-wide league is made up of four divisions: ages 4 & 5, 6-8, 9-11, and 12-14 with 8 to 12 players per team. All games are played on outdoor rinks; teams are coached by volunteer parents. Minimal equipment is required and league rules ensure that all players have the opportunity to participate.
Visit: www.grassrootshockey.ca.
Regular Programs: **note - there is a $315 (+ GST) family maximum for these programs (all fees $CND)
Wednesday Night Programs (6-8 / 9-11) - $130/child
Thursday Night Programs (12-14) - $130/child
Saturday Morning Programs (all ages except 4-5 yr olds) - $130/child
All 4-5 year old programs (Wednesday or Saturdays) - $50/child
** **Reduced Fee for Saturday Program** - if you register a child in a Wednesday program, then you qualify for a 'reduced fee' of $65 for the Saturday program - the total fee would be $195 for your child - you must register your child in a Wed program to qualify for the reduced Saturday fee and it must be the same child

Yoga

Participants must bring their own yoga mat.

Yoga (Hatha)
Hatha yoga is a structured physical practice that connects breath & movement, body & mind, heart & spirit. If you can breathe, you can do yoga.
All abilities are welcome. For participants ages 16 and up. Instructor - Sophie.
Fridays, 9:30am – 10:30 am
January 15th to April 1st, 2016
12 classes
Cost: $100.00 members, $120 non-members
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Yoga (Multilevel)
This class will move at a gentle pace, introducing basic yoga poses (asana). New students will learn the basics of yoga, while more seasoned students will gain a better, more detailed understanding of the alignment of the poses. Students work on flexibility, strength and balance, while warming the muscles and flushing toxins from the body.
Wednesdays, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
January 13th – April 6th, 2016
12 classes
Cost: $100.00 members, $120 non-members
(GST) not included

Playgroup

We are still accepting registrations for our winter playgroup:
A Marda Loop Community program which offers a playful environment for children and their caregivers. Enjoy a variety of toys and meet other children from the neighborhood. For infants and children up to 4 years. Three groups to choose from: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. MLCA membership is required to register in this program.

Playgroup Mondays
0-4 year olds
9:30am-11:00am
Every Monday from February 1st-June 13th, 2016
Cost: $125.00/family
Please note, this is a PARENTED session. Parents/Guardians are required to remain on site for the duration of the program.
Playgroup Tuesdays
0-4 year olds
9:30am-11:00am
Every Tuesday from February 2nd-June 14th, 2016
Cost: $125.00/family
Please note, this is a PARENTED session. Parents/Guardians are required to remain on site for the duration of the program.
Playgroup Wednesdays
0-4 year olds
9:30am-11:00am
Every Wednesday from February 3rd-June 15th, 2016
Cost: $125.00/family
Please note, this is a PARENTED session. Parents/Guardians are required to remain on site for the duration of the program.

Seniors Fit

Join a community of seniors and older adults for a total-body workout appropriate for any fitness level. Seniors Fit classes are designed to increase flexibility, joint stability, balance, coordination, agility, muscular strength and cardiovascular endurance. The workout combines aerobic, flexibility and resistance (strength) training with plenty of friendly fun. MLCA membership is required to register in this program
Ages 60+
Wednesdays, 11:15 am – 12:15 pm
January 6th to March 23rd, 2016
12 classes
Cost: $60
(GST not included)

Marda Loop Swim Club

Join our recreational, non-competitive club for swimmers, ages 7 to 18 years. Our goal is to improve each swimmer's stroke ability, endurance, and confidence through coaching and training. Although the club is recreational, the focus is on competitive swimming skills (i.e. speed, efficiency, and endurance) making our club attractive for youth looking to "springboard" into a more competitive club in the future. MLCA membership is required to register in this program
***At this time our Swim Club is fully booked; however, you may still add your children to the wait list by going to www.mardaloop.com/

Babysitters Registry

This service is available to all Marda Loop Communities Association (MLCA) members with current active memberships. Both the babysitters and the interested families must have valid memberships. Individuals aged 11-17 will require a parent/guardian's signature on the waiver form (available by emailing programs@mardaloop.com) all sitters' names published are required to have a valid babysitter training certificate (regardless of age).

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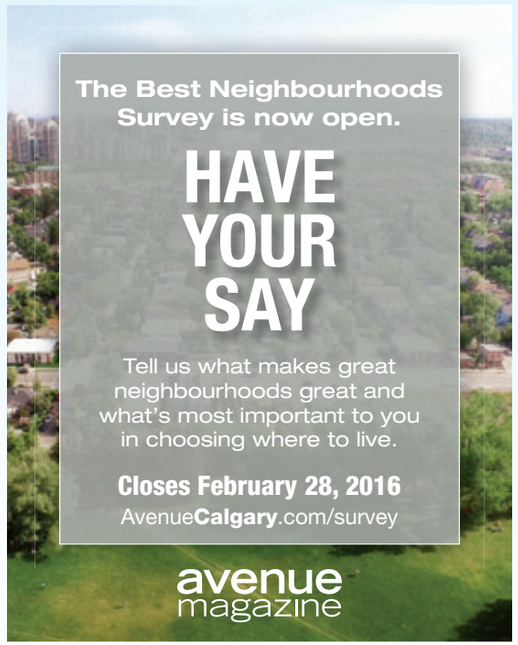

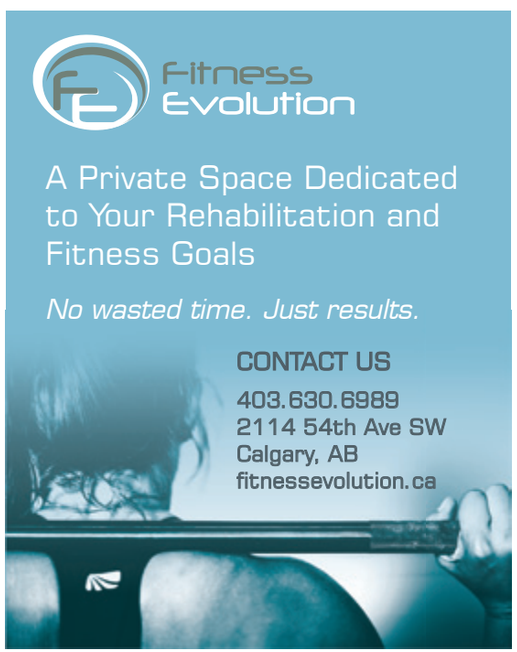

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The Marda Loop Communities Association and its Board of Directors will not be pre-screening / sanctioning / verifying any credentials for those using this service. The employer takes on full responsibility of interviewing and hiring the babysitters. The parents of the babysitters are responsible for screening the prospective employer of their child.
The list of babysitter's names will not be published in our community journal or on our website. It will be provided to interested families upon request once active membership status is confirmed.
Please email programs@mardaloop.com if you have any questions and to receive the registry.

MLCA PRESCHOOL UPDATE

MLCA PRESCHOOL Registration:
To register you must be an MLCA member. Please join at www.mardaloop.com

Registration Dates:
January 25: Existing students and siblings of existing students.
February 1: Alumni (a sibling previously attend MLCA preschool)
February 8: In-community registration (residents of Altadore, South Calgary, River Park and Garrison Woods)
February 15: Out of community Registrants
Any questions? Please contact preschoolregistrar@mardaloop.com
If you missed our open house in January, please contact us to arrange a private tour of our school.

About the MLCA Preschool
We are a community based preschool offering a cooperative and caring environment where children 3 to 4 years old come together to learn and explore through age appropriate play, activities, and materials. We are a parent-run cooperative and ask for parents to get involved by volunteering in class and through small administrative or operational roles.

Set in the heart of the vibrant Marda Loop, our newly renovated, bright and cheerful preschool is positioned opposite the community centre, playground, ice-rink, library, fire hall, and community gardens.

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A Beautiful Beginning for our community and the children who are the future

The MLCA Preschool has relocated to 1638 - 30 Ave SW.
We are offering a fresh new educational play space for teachers and children to thrive in.
If you would like to set up a preschool tour, please email:preschooldirector@mardaloop.com

Some 3 year old afternoon spaces are still available

SENIORS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Seniors are currently working with our community Preschool on an Intergenerational pilot project involving Preschool/Seniors within our community. To start with, we hope to get a few Senior volunteers collaborate with the teachers in a classroom setting to assist in learning initiatives and then evaluate the outcomes. If you are a 55+ Marda Loop resident looking for a meaningful contribution of time and talent to make to your community, come and get involved. We can provide you with more information if you e-mail us at seniors@mardaloop.com.

Our next gathering will be on Monday, February 1 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon at the MLCA Hall. See you there!

Heather Bhatty, Coordinator - Seniors in the Loop
Email: seniors@mardaloop.com

New Year begins for Seniors with fitness and financial planning

The Marda Loop Seniors group met as usual in early January, with gentle physical fitness exercises to help shed those extra pounds resulting from that potluck luncheon in December! Not to mention the consumption of goodies during the festive season. Megan did not disappoint again with her clever tips and routines to suit our fitness needs.

The New Year, compounded with the current state of the economy means that it is time once again for Seniors to take a closer look at ways to grow their investments and generate maximum income from their life's savings. To help us along, we invited Mei Qin, an Edward Jones financial advisor who kindly took the time to conduct an informal workshop for us on how and where best to invest our money. She very clearly explained the level of risk that should be taken when investing so that it could be balanced with the steps necessary to long-term goals. Thank you, Mei for sharing information specifically relevant to us Seniors from your vast knowledge on this subject.

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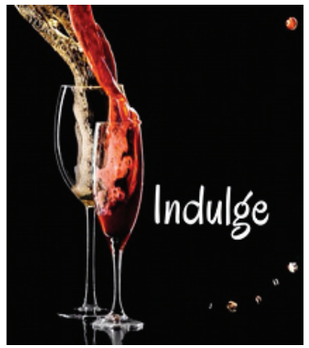

Indulge is a social event which combines exquisite food, drinks, camaraderie and music with extraordinary philanthropy to benefit our local community. All profits from the evening of Marda Loop's premiere fundraising event are used to renew and maintain our recreational facilities and programs.

But….what exactly is Indulge? If you have never attended, let's paint a picture of what you can expect. Arriving at MLCA's community hall, you note that a dazzling white tent has transformed the parking lot into a glittering oasis….and the aroma of freshly cooked nibbles lures you inside. You wander from one vendor table to another, wine glass in hand, as you sample an array of cocktails and edibles donated by local establishments; the variety is outstanding! Silent auction tables brimming with premiere items are a hub of activity as the tent fills with 500 community supporters from all walks of life; you happily chat with your dentist, dog walker, and drama teacher and nod in gratitude when the evening's sponsors are identified. You are wondering why you never attended this event before when the live band starts up and the dancing begins. Making your way to claim a winning auction prize, you see that delicious and timely pizza is delivered for anyone who might still be hungry. You join your friends for one last dance before jumping on the shuttle bus for a ride home – what a terrific evening!

Yes, Indulge generates a significant amount of funds to enrich our community programs but the event does more than raise money. It is a chance for us to get together to not only offer our financial support but to have a ton of fun as we cement our reputation as one of the best communities in Calgary. In these challenging economic times, it is more important than ever for us to support each other and the local vendors and sponsors who make the evening possible. Please join us on May 28th and Indulge yourself!

If you would like to become a sponsor, vendor, donate or volunteer for Indulge, please email indulge@mardaloop.com

Tickets go on sale Friday, April 1 online at mardaloop.com/indulge

YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

- **January 16 to May 31 - Body Worlds Vital:** The exhibition celebrates the living human body and allows visitors to learn about human anatomy is a far more real way than any textbook. www.sparkscience.ca
- **March 3 - The Harlem Globetrotters:** The Harlem Globetrotters, a world-famous exhibition basketball team, combines athletic feats and teamwork with theatre and comedy. www.harlemglobetrotters.com
- **March 3 - Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band:** The Art of Time Ensemble is a chamber group that merges chamber music and pop music in this concert. The ensemble reinvents The Beatles' soundtrack to The Summer of Love. www.calgaryphil.com
- **March 4 to 13 - The Big Taste:** Each year for The Big Taste, a number of Calgary restaurants offer prix fixe menus, giving Calgarians the chance to try the best of what each restaurant offers. www.calgarydowntown.com
- **March 5 - The Black and White Ball:** Decidedly Jazz Danceworks' annual fundraising party is a black and white evening. Dress up in your finest (make sure it's black or white) and dance the evening away. www.decidedlyjazz.com
- **March 13 to 15 - Earth Science for Society Exhibit:** Earth Science for Society (ESfS) is a free, family-friendly event that is open to the public. It showcases the importance of Earth Science in our everyday lives. www.esfscanada.com
- **March 17 to 19 - ACAD Student's Association Spring Show + Sale:** See what Calgary's up-and-coming young artists have produced during their school year. www.acad.ca
- **March 24 to 29 - Disney On Ice presents Dare to Dream:** Disney princess stories are coming to the ice. The whole family will have fun seeing these favourite stories come to life on the ice rink. www.disneyonice.com
- **March 29 to April 9 - Taking Flight:** Festival of Student Work: Each year, the Taking Flight festival showcases the range of work conceived, directed and performed by University of Calgary graduate and undergraduate students. www.scpa.ucalgary.ca
- **March 30 to April 16 – Macbeth:** Darkness, dishonesty and murder fill Shakespeare's supernatural tragedy Macbeth. Macbeth timelessly highlights how ambition can cause one's downfall. www.shakespearecompany.com

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MARCH 5 BLITZ SNOWSHOE FUN RUN — LAKE LOUISE

Snowshoeing is one of the fastest growing outdoor winter activities. Get involved in the trend and participate in a 5 kilometre of 10 kilometre snowshoe fun race. www.snowshoe.blitzevents.ca

MARCH 5 TO 6 ALGARY MAPLE FESTIVAL DES SUCRES

Running all weekend at Heritage Park, this event is a celebration of francophone music, culture and food. www.calgarymaplefest.com

MARCH 18 TO 28 SPRING RALLY IN THE ALLEY

This annual, family-friendly event offers a range of activities centered around different modes of transportation. www.heritagepark.ca

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2016 WINTER TASTING SCHEDULE

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Glendronach Batch 12 Tasting	**Mon Feb 8**	Glendronach has quickly become KWM's top selling whisky. Celebrate the release of the Batch 12 vintages with a range tasting featuring whiskies from 1995, 1994, 1990 and 1972.	$200
American Whiskey	**Tue Feb 9**	There is more to American whiskey than just Bourbon. Join us as we take you on a journey featuring Tennessee straight wheat, malt, rye and other styles.	$25
American Wine Festival	**Fri Feb 12**	It's a Route 66 wine extravaganza of the best of the US. Coast to coast, we'll pop the cork on every major region with a few surprises. Sign up now as tickets are limited.	$40
Classic Cocktails: Gin	**Tue Feb 16**	Join us for a deconstruction of gin based cocktails. We'll teach you the basics ofthe spirit and how to make some flashy gin based drinks to impress your friends.	$15
Closed Distilleries of Scotland	**Thr Feb 18**	The whiskies are getting older, rarer and more expensive with every passing year. We're not saying this is the last hurrah... just that as time runs out supplies dwindle and prices goes up.	$200
En Francais! Edition Bordeaux	**Tue Feb 23**	Join our resident francophone, Christine Parent, for a standup tasting of the best of Bordeaux. Joignez-vous à notre francophone en résidence, Christine Parent, pour une dégustation de vin conviviale, en francais! Région à l'honneur: Bordeaux. This tasting will be conducted in French.	$30
Masi Vintage Amarone Tasting	**Tue Mar 1**	This tasting will feature cellared Amarone wines from "Vaio Amaron", "Campolongo di Torbe" and "Mazzano" dating back to the 90's including the Masi Angelorum Recioto, an Amarone-like dessert wine.	$45
What's Next, Beer & Cheese!	**Thr Mar 3**	Think wine and cheese make the prefect match! Think again! Beer is cheese's true soul mate.	$10
Speyside Whisky Festival	**Thr Mar 10**	Most of Scotland's distilleries are found in the watershed of the River Spey. This whisky festival will highlight these drams and the distilleries they come from	$50
Cabernet Taste Off!	**Fri Mar 11**	You'll know the grape but not the country. Join us to test your taste geography. Winner (s) takes home a bottle of the class favorite! Stand up format.	$25
The Rhone Valley: North vs South	**Tue Mar 15**	The Rhone River is the umbilical cord tying these vastly different growing regions together. Let's travel her breadth to explore the astonishing differences these slopes have to offer.	$25
Asian Whisky	**Thr Mar 17**	Icons We'll highlight some world renowned whiskies from Japan, Taiwan and India and try to taste what all the fuss is about.	$60
Italian Wine Festival	**Fri Mar 18**	Mama Mia, it's gonna be a feast! The wine, the food, the music....all Italian. Who could resist such an invitation? Tickets strictly limited.	$40
Master Malt	**Tue Mar 22**	We pull out all the stops featuring whiskies that are very old, very rare and very pricey. This is a tasting that will never be repeated again.	$130
Burgundy Bargains	**Thr Mar 24**	An oxymoron? Maybe not! Burgundy always gets a bad rap on price. Let's see if we can prove the critics wrong. Cheese, of course, from Peasant Cheese, right next door.	$20
Cheese Please	**Fri Mar 25**	Bubbles and cheese, who can resist! Crystal McKenzie from Peasant Cheese will pair some of our best with some of her best. Stand up format.	$40
Classic Cocktails: Whisky	**Tue Mar 29**	Join us for a deconstruction of whisky based cocktails. We'll teach you the basics of the spirit and how to make some classic whisky cocktails to impress your most sophisticated friends.	$25
Intro to Craft Beer	**Thr Mar 31**	This one is for those who stand intimidated in front of the daunting amount of craft beer available. We'll go over some of the brewing process, the histories, and acronyms. All while sampling and exploring the styles!	$10
Classic Malts	**Fri Apr 1**	This is our "classic" introduction to the world of single malt Scotch whisky. You'll discover a little history, how it's made and sample six distinct styles.	$40

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MLCA VOLUNTEERS COLUMN

by Catherine Fraser, Volunteer Director

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."

-Marjorie Moore

This month our **Super Volunteer** is **Anne Kaufmann**, President of the Marda Loop Communities Association. Anne represents all of us at many levels - from our own Board meetings, to city- wide Community Association gatherings, at City Hall and beyond. She deals with the small AND large problems facing residents in our neighbourhood. She responds to dozens of emails and phone calls a month. She works daily to make Marda Loop one of the best communities in the city and did you know we are considered one of the most active and involved community associations in the city…. Thank you Anne for your hours of volunteer commitment to us all.

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OPPORTUNITIES for 2016:
Although this is the second Source edition of 2016, this is my first chance to tell you about some of the upcoming plans we have and volunteer opportunities that will be available in the next few months. If you are new to the community and looking to get involved, now is your chance. If you have volunteered before, met some cool people, felt a sense of comradery and want to repeat that experience, we have just the thing. Mark these dates on your calendar now and watch the Source in the next few months for more details.

Our Second Annual **Cleanup/Recycling Day** will be **Saturday, May 7**. This is an opportunity for everyone to clean out their garage/basement and save the drive to the landfill. Just bring your recyclables to the Community Hall. More details will follow about what we will accept this year for recycling.

Our annual **Indulge** – Food and Spirits Fundraiser for the Community will be **Saturday, May 28**. We will be looking for people to help set up the evening before and take down the morning after.

And lastly, where we can use the most participation – our Annual Stampede Breakfast will be **Saturday, July 16** at the Community Hall. Last year we fed over 1600 people in two hours and with your help we can beat that record this year.

Details will follow about all of these events and the volunteer opportunities surrounding them.

Then of course, we have our ongoing Wine Nights – Our wine night for February will be **Wednesday, February 17** in the Lower Hall of the Community Hall. (Future dates - Wed. March 16, Wed. April 20, Wed. May 18 and Wed. June 15). Interested in being on the wine pouring team? Contact me at volunteer@mardaloop.com.

That's the Volunteer News for this month. **Want to get involved in your neighbourhood? Email me at volunteer@mardaloop.com.**

MARDA LOOP COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION

cSPACE King Edward:

cSPACE King Edward Construction Update & Tenant Application Deadline (March 4)
cSPACE King Edward started the new year off with some heavy metal arriving at the future arts hub. Installations of new energy-efficient boilers from Germany and an 18,000 lb air handling unit (skillfully 'tetrised' through an opening in the ground floor sandstone wall) provided a little drama to start our year.

Over the last two months, we have had a great response to our call for additional tenants in the lead up to our opening in 2016. We are extremely excited about the potential organizations and individual artists that may join our nine current tenants to call the King Edward home. Here's a reminder of our current tenants that will be moving in at the beginning of November:

- **Alberta Craft Council** will run a gallery space showcasing and selling fine craft works from their 400+ members from across Alberta.
- **Alberta Magazine Publishers Association** will host seminars, public readings, and hold an annual conference for their 70+ magazine members including Where Magazine, Avenue, Swerve, UPPERCASE, and Alberta Views.
- **Alexandra Writers' Centre Society** will offer creative writing classes, monthly Open Mics, an annual Writer-in-Residence program, and events bringing prominent Canadian writers to speak at the King Edward.
- **Alliance Française of Calgary** will activate French language and culture at the King Edward through a media library, language classes teaching over 1000 students a year, and hosting numerous French language cultural events, from film screenings to wine tastings.
- **Calgary Association of Lifelong Learners** hosts 40+ member-led interest groups for insatiable learners over 45, on a wide variety of topics including Treks and Travels, Seniors Co-Housing, and Learning to Think like an Architect.
- **Forte Musical Theatre Guild** is unique to Calgary and Canada, focused on creating exclusively new musical theatre. The Guild's newest production, The Paper Bag Princess, launches in Spring 2016.
- **Maria Montessori Education Centre** will offer art-infused preschool and childcare for children ages 19 months through 6 years. A call for applications is now open for 2017 childcare spaces at the King Edward.
- **Theatre Encounter** is a highly experimental physical theatre company that intends to build a collaborative black box theatre (complete with sprung dance floor, mats, and lighting), offering additional rehearsal space for organizations in the community.
- **Studio C**'s vision for the space at King Edward is of a dynamic, interactive public arts centre with a studio and gallery offering skills training and art workshops, exhibitions, and gallery sales.

We are 50% leased with these organizations and are looking forward to filling the remaining spaces. Our deadline for tenant proposals is rapidly approaching - if you know an innovative organization or artist that would thrive in the King Edward community, here's the basic info:

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Friday March 4, 2016
Organizations and artists may still submit a proposal even if they have missed our previous December 18, 2015 Letter of Intent Deadline.

Interested artists or cultural organizations are encouraged to visit our website and sign up for our e-newsletter at: www.cspaceprojects.com. The full call for tenants can be found at http://www.cspaceprojects.com/people/rfp/

Stay tuned later in the year to learn more about membership opportunities at our unique co-working space for individual creatives and small organizations as well as for gallery rentals, theatre/rehearsal opportunities and events at the King Edward.

Women's English & Social Group

Meet your Neighbours and Practice English!

Improve your spoken English and meet new women in your community with the New Friends and Neighbourhood Groups program. Our **Marda Loop** group meets every Wednesday from 10:00am – noon. We meet once a week for 2 hours to practice English, make new friends and have fun! No cost, no immigration requirements and no minimum English level necessary. Free childcare provided for children 6 months to 6 years old. Come visit us at 3818 14A Street SW (River Park Church basement). For additional information contact Debra Colley at debrac@ciwa-online.com or 403-444-1752.

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Visit our website: www.ciwa-online.com

Community Crop Garden Society

Knowing where your food comes from and eating what you grow can be a very satisfying experience. If you do not have the space at home to grow vegetables, herbs and flowers, then joining a community garden can solve your problem.

Community Crop Garden Society is a non-profit volunteer driven gardening society. We have three pesticide-free garden sites in central and southwest Calgary totalling 126 rental garden beds.

Our three garden sites are:

South Calgary Garden – 3130 - 16th Street SW
There are 46 garden plots, a large perennial garden and a small orchard of dwarf apple and pear trees.

Currie Booster Garden – 3410 - 16th Street SW
This garden has 36 garden plots. There are gooseberry and haskap bushes as well as a large rhubarb patch.

Alternative High School Garden – 5003 - 20th Street SW
The 44 garden plots are laid out in a circular pattern. In 2010, we took over the already established Alternative High Garden from the Calgary Alternative Support Service.

To find out more about us, please visit our website at www.communitycrop.org.

Garden Bed Renewal for 2016 will begin February 1st and runs until February 22.

Registration and garden bed assignment for new members will open on March 1st and closes March 31.

If you do not currently garden with us and are interested in renting a garden bed for 2016, please email us at membership@communitycrop.org. We would be happy to add you to our wait list.

New Community Garden Open House

February 25, 7pm

Are you dreaming of tending a community garden plot? Would you like to learn to grow the best produce you've ever tasted? Would you like to be part of growing something new and amazing right here in our community?

You are invited to join us to learn about the new community garden that will be built this spring at 4506 16 Street (Altadore School) – The Owl's Nest Too: Altadore School & Community Edible Garden.

We will outline the basics of Calgary's first Edible Schoolyard Community Garden, the process to get a plot in this new community garden, receive your questions, and tell you about the opportunities available to help us get this garden off the ground!

If you are a curious neighbour and want to learn more about what is going on or if you would like a plot at the garden, this is the event for you to attend!

When: Thursday February 25 at 7pm – 8:30pm
Where: Altadore School Gymnasium, 4506 16 Street SW

If you have any questions, please email altadoregarden@gmail.com

The Altadore School & Community Edible Garden is an initiative of the Altadore Elementary School Parent Association and is made possible by generous grants from The Calgary Foundation, TD Friends of The Environment Foundation, The Stampede City Kinsmen, ATB - Alberta Treasury Branch Marda Loop, Fiskars Orange Thumb, and others.

THE OWLS' NEST TOO
Altadore School & Community
EDIBLE GARDEN

AROUND TOWN

Crowchild Tr. Study: Upcoming Events

Attend an upcoming public drop-in session to see how the ideas gathered from Calgarians in fall 2015 look when applied to the Crowchild Trail corridor. Learn more about why some ideas will not move forward for further consideration. As well, help us review and evaluate the remaining ideas and the associated benefits, impacts, constraints and trade-offs against the project key principles. Feedback received will help the project team identify concepts for further development.

Drop-in Session #1: Saturday, February 27
Time: 2 to 5 p.m.
Location: Sunalta School, Gym – 536 Sonora Ave. S.W.

Drop-in Session #2: Thursday, March 10
Time: 5 to 8 p.m.
Location: Red and White Club, McMahon Stadium – 1833 Crowchild Tr. N.W.

Drop-in Session #3: Saturday, March 12
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Queen Elizabeth (Senior) High School, Auxiliary Gym – 512 - 18 St. N.W.

In addition to the events above, similar drop-in sessions for residents, businesses and other stakeholders located within a block of Crowchild Trail have been scheduled in February. These invite-only events provide those with homes and businesses in close proximity to Crowchild Trail an opportunity to participate in the same sessions with others who share their unique perspective or concerns.
An opportunity to provide feedback online will also be available in late February.
For more information about this study and opportunities to provide your input, visit calgary.ca/crowchild.

Marda Loop Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Garrison Woods MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2015	$592,450	$581,500
November 2015	$642,450	$628,750
October 2015	$0	$0
September 2015	$555,000	$535,000
August 2015	$0	$0
July 2015	$989,000	$960,000
June 2015	$1,199,000	$1,160,000
May 2015	$1,132,400	$1,100,000
April 2015	$1,449,000	$1,460,000
March 2015	$775,000	$751,333
February 2015	$0	$0
January 2015	$0	$0

Last 12 Months Garrison Woods MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
December 2015	0	2
November 2015	1	2
October 2015	4	0
September 2015	2	1
August 2015	1	0
July 2015	0	1
June 2015	1	1
May 2015	2	2
April 2015	2	1
March 2015	1	3
February 2015	3	0
January 2015	2	0
Total	**19**	**13**

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **garrison_woods.great-news.ca**

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Hello,

The Alberta Legislature will resume sitting this month. I have enjoyed the opportunity to spend more time at home in Calgary-Elbow working on constituency issues, and I also managed to have some personal and family time over the holidays. I hope you got a break as well.

But I am itching to get back to the important work in the Legislature. People often ask me how I can be effective as a single MLA from my party. The answer is simple, I choose to not just oppose everything the government does, but to propose ideas I think would put Alberta on a better path. Those of us in opposition have a basic choice, and I choose to contribute new ideas and provide insight into what they I would do, rather than only providing criticism without contribution.

In the fall session, I prepared an Alternative Budget, and a Climate Change strategy I worked with members of the opposition to propose and pass amendments to government legislation. On an issue of particular importance to me and I know too many of you in Calgary-Elbow, I was able to advocate to the Minister of Municipal affairs to call for floodway buyout properties to be re-sold once flood mitigation is in place. I will also continue to push hard for the Springbank mitigation project to stay on track.

In the House I talked about the important work being done by not-for-profit organizations and urged the government to partner with the many efficient and cost-effective organizations delivering services around Alberta rather than replacing them with top-heavy government services. I also presented a motion urging the Government to require all public, separate, private, and charter school boards to implement a clear policy for how they will support LGBTQ youth (including gay-straight alliances) as required by Bill 10.

This spring the government will present a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Given the challenging economic circumstances facing Alberta they have some tough choices to make. I will again release my own budget to show Albertans how I would address these challenges. We'll focus on job creation and support for the energy industry, and ensure high-quality front line services are maintained while keeping the deficit to a minimum.

You have a voice in the Legislature too. I can ask your questions directly to Government during question period, or I can write a letter to a Minister on your behalf. Please contact my office to learn more.

Another way you can be heard by the Government is to have me present your petitions. While it is not within the Assembly's power to perform the functions of the Government, it can urge the Government to govern in a certain way. If you are interested in petitions that you check out this short guide: www.assembly.ab.ca/pro/Petition_guide.pdf

In these difficult times, and at all times, it is important that I represent the views of my constituents in the Legislature. I look forward to hearing from you.

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IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

Montessori School of Calgary

Lindy Arndt, Head of School, Montessori School of Calgary

We, at Montessori School of Calgary, cannot believe that it is February already. This short month is always a busy one!

Our POW, Physical Outdoor Wellness, program has kept our elementary children very busy. They enjoyed a visit to Fountain of Mission Seniors Home as well as a full day of skiing and snowboarding at **Nakiska**. The seniors enjoyed the presentations of learning from the children, as well as the games they played and their singing. The skiing and snowboarding day was AWESOME! After the lessons, children were free to ski in small groups and enjoy a beautiful day in the mountains. This month elementary children will spend two afternoons at the Talisman Centre enjoying a variety of activities including **gymnastics, volleyball and badminton**.

Thanks to Rick Williams and Carter Siebens, our outdoor skating rink is in process. The first few layers are on, and it is looking great. The children will enjoy spending their POW time ice skating at school.

Our staff will be enjoying a variety of professional learning activities during the Teachers' Convention break. Our families will enjoy a five day break to enjoy family time and travel. On February 25 and 26, we will hold our parent guide conferences, before taking that extra day, February 29, to LEAP into March. Happy Valentine's Day!

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Marda Loop Community

Your Neighbourhood - What's In a Name?

The neighbourhood you live in is for most people a source of pride and sense of home. But what goes into the name? Usually place names have some ties to history, but often they can be names invented by marketing folks who wish to evoke feelings or emotions in prospective buyers. For example, in Calgary, we have Auburn Bay which is neither auburn nor, really, a bay.

Some names are made up; some are constructed. Marda Loop was named after a theatre. Owners Marc and Mada Jenkins opened the Marda Theatre in 1953. Marda was a combination of their two names. Theatres, then as now, were a destination and a transit loop was named after it.

Other names, like Lakeview, are indicative of a geographical feature. Some place names are both geographic and historic. Calgary's first citizen, Sam Livingston, gave the region now containing the reservoir the name Glenmore which is Gaelic for big valley.

The name Garrison, given to both Garrison Green and Garrison Woods, is in honour of the troops and horses garrisoned there since about 1911. Originally named Currie Barracks, Headquarters Calgary Garrison was formed in 1950 in response to the need to coordinate the administration of army units stationed at and cycling through the Currie Barracks. So the facility also began to use the names Calgary Garrison and Calgary Barracks.

The rich military history of area region can easily be seen through the Military Museum, and the Naval Museum as well as the barracks buildings, which while no longer inhabited by soldiers are still in use by businesses today.

Local business owner Richard Basha saw the historical significance of the military tradition and named The Garrison Pub to honour that history. "Even after the Canadian Forces base left we saw the significance of the troops and veterans on the area and we wanted to keep that history alive. We're proud of the name Garrison and we certainly honour and support some of the groups, like the Military Museum and like the veterans groups and we want to remember their service." The Garrison Pub is festooned with memorabilia, plaques and posters reminding patrons of the sacrifices made by the tens of thousands of soldiers who lived in the area over the years. The pride in ownership and attachment to history is typical of many who live in the area and feel an attachment to those who came before and served our country.

What's in a name? Sometimes, in our neighbourhoods, quite a lot.

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Housing and Homelessness

At the end of last year I wrote an article for CBC's "Calgary at a Crossroads", in which I expressed my optimism for our city's future as well as my frustration with how we take care of those less fortunate. I said that we have failed on affordable housing and homelessness. With our shelters full and housing too expensive, people sleep out in the cold every night. It's getting worse, and pretty soon we will be too far behind.

I am determined to do what I can as the Councillor for Ward 8 to turn this around. We will need to build a future from our shared dreams and strengths, not our precedents. We will need to embrace the idea of progress and work our asses off in order to achieve it. But this is no easy feat, and it will require all of us to pitch in. Here's how you can help.

Volunteer

There are many organizations across Calgary that care for those who don't have a place to stay, and all of them rely on volunteers. It is not only important for us as citizens to help out where we can, but it is personally enriching and rewarding as well. Serve lunches and suppers, teach a child to read, assist with special events. There are a number of groups you can approach, but aside from the obvious four (The Mustard Seed, The Drop-In Centre, Inn from the Cold, and Alpha House) a good start is the Calgary Homeless Foundation's list of all agencies they fund – visit calgaryhomeless.com.

Donate

Donate your used clothes, purses, backpacks, bedding, curtains, towels and shoes at locations all around Calgary. An easy way to find out where to go is to contact the Alberta Recycling Hotline: call 1-800-463-6326 or visit recyclinghotline.ca.

Make Your Voice Heard

To solve the complex issues of affordable housing and homelessness, we need new energy and fresh ideas. We need you to speak up and speak out, and join the conversation about how we can end homelessness instead of just bandage it day after day, year after year. Write me. Join your community association. Reach out to those who live on the street, or in a shelter, or in affordable housing. Help build inclusive communities and a compassionate city – it all starts with you and your voice.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me by email (ward08@calgary.ca), phone (403-268-2430) or on my website (www.calgary.ca/ward8). Let's be real. Let's be smart. Let's be bold. Let's tackle these challenges once and for all.

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Winter in Calgary is unlike anywhere else in Canada. Bitter cold and blowing snow can be followed up the next day with chinook winds melting it all away. Even with those chinook winds, sometimes winter can get to us.

I find one of the best ways to kick the wintertime blues is to get out in the community and take advantage of some of the snowy weather recreational activities that this city has to offer.

While I like taking advantage of the mountains close by for skiing, with so many community skating rinks scattered throughout Calgary Currie, you don't need to go far to enjoy the benefits of living in such a great place as Calgary.

February is the Heart and Stroke foundation's Heart month. It is important to remember to stay physically active for both our bodies and our minds. The Heart and Stroke Foundation recommends that adults do at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity per week, in bouts of 10 minutes or more. The activity doesn't have to be non-stop, nor does it need to be strenuous. You can do 10 minutes or more at a time throughout the day to reach your daily total. A brisk 10 minute walk during lunch, playing for 10 minutes with your kids after work, and then another 15 minutes walking your dog in the evening. Five minutes here and there add up to better health.

If you're like me and sometimes like a bit more excitement, there is little that exemplifies the Canadian spirit more than a game of pickup shinny at the outdoor community rink where coming together for community recreation has no need for formal organization. All it takes is people coming together to have fun.

I love the sense of community these rinks bring to our city, and despite my busy schedule with my work at the Legislature in Edmonton, I spend as much time as I can at these meeting places at the heart of our communities. You may have seen me out there over the past couple months warming people up with coffee and hot chocolate, and if you keep your eyes open, you might catch me out there again before the end of skating season.

SPECIAL FEATURE

Local couple discovers the sleep secret of celebrities, top executives, athletes, rock stars and elite performers around the world...

DON'T SUFFER ANY LONGER ON THE WRONG BED! **HASTENS** IS NOW HERE IN CALGARY.

by Allis Lesage

(Calgary, AB) A little over 2 years ago, local shop owners Riva & Andrew Mackie set out on a quest: **To find the world's ultimate bed.** Having been in the natural mattress, furniture and home design business for a number of years, they were looking for the perfect thing to revolutionize the experience they were providing for Calgarians.

'We're pretty much in the business of finding the best. People around here don't really like to settle for something just OK,' says Riva Mackie, founder of Goldgrass Home.

Throughout their travels, one name kept popping up: **Hastens.**

'There are lots of good mattress makers out there,' says Mackie, *'but the more we looked into it, it seemed that, almost without fail,* ***everyone that's anyone sleeps on a Hastens.*** *And a surprising number of them basically refuse to sleep on any other mattress. When they travel, or go on tour, they stay in hotels with Hastens beds, they have the local store set one up for them in their room, or they figure out a way to bring their own.'*

Not Your Ordinary Mattress

Having visited the exclusive Hastens 'Sleep Spa' at Goldgrass Home in Inglewood, I can say with confidence that there is nothing else that feels like a Hastens. You notice the comfort, quality and craftsmanship immediately when you lie down. I can only imagine how it feels to wake up after a night in one of these remarkable beds.

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The Mackie family and the signature Hastens 'Blue Check'

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'I can go on and on about how many hundreds of man-hours go into making each bed.' continues Mackie. *'I can talk all about the incredible 25 year warranty. I can talk about why the layers of coiled horse-hair keep you from overheating, sweating, and freezing. I can go into detail about how their systems are tailored to give you perfect support and alignment. But I don't need to. Everyone that lies on a Hastens bed can feel the difference right away.'*

Are You Getting the Proper Sleep you Need?

How many days, weeks, years has it been that you've found yourself lying awake at night, uncomfortable, hot, sweaty, tossing & turning, in pain? Lying there wishing that you could find a way to just get some sleep?

Ask yourself: How do you feel when you wake up? Do you still feel tired, sore, sluggish?

How much longer are you going to put up with it? Are you still going to be suffering in your regular bed next year? 5 years from now? It's time for a change.

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Assessment

In early January the Assessment Department mailed out the 2014 Assessment Notices to property and business owners in Calgary. The City is currently in the Customer Review Period, which ends on March 7, 2016. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to review your assessment notice to ensure that the information it contains is accurate. The Assessment Department can be reached via telephone at 403-268-2888, and many questions can be answered at www.calgary.ca/assessment.

Any inquiries received within the 2015 Customer Review Period will be reviewed by an assessor, and appropriate action taken. This sometimes includes amending an assessment to ensure that it is accurate.

When reviewing your 2015 property assessment, please remember that under provincial legislation the value of your property reflects the market value of the property on July 1, 2014 and the physical condition as of December 31, 2014, meaning any improvements made in this timeframe will appear on your assessment.

Southwest BRT

There is lots of talk on the SW BRT Transitway and how it affects you and your community. The Southwest Transitway will provide high-quality, efficient and a reliable level of service for communities in southwest Calgary. The Transitway will serve southwest communities, downtown and major destinations including Southland Leisure Centre, Glenmore Landing, Heritage Park, Rockyview Hospital, Mount Royal University, and Currie Barracks. The service includes constructing new bus stations, which will provide transit customers with heated waiting facilities and real-time travel information. Buses will run every 10 minutes in peak hours, and every 20 minutes in off-peak hours.

BRT Ridership Figures

The Southwest Transitway infrastructure will be used by both the new BRT service as well as local bus routes which may be able to use a portion of the Transitway. Calgary Transit recently completed existing ridership counts for current routes that will connect with, or are anticipated to use the infrastructure built as part of by the Southwest Transitway Project. Ridership numbers shown are average all day passenger trips and take into account both directions of travel (see attached Southwest Transitway Ridership figure for reference):

Crowchild into Downtown (Routes 18, 20, 63, 112, 181): 5,200 passengers/weekday

Glenmore Trail over the Reservoir (Routes 20, 47, 72, 73, 182): 3,500 passengers/weekday

Rockyview Hospital (Routes 20, 306): 1,300 passengers/weekday

Southland Drive at 14th St SW (Routes 16, 56, 79, 80, 84): 1,600 passengers/weekday

The Transitway Team is going out to Ward 11 communities with more public information sessions this month and next. Additional facts and information are available online at calgary.ca/swtransitway, as well as through the Ward 11 office.

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Marda Loop Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Altadore MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2015	$1,007,599	$942,750
November 2015	$1,014,939	$978,650
October 2015	$752,116	$734,700
September 2015	$1,037,881	$982,500
August 2015	$1,097,399	$1,061,428
July 2015	$1,075,968	$1,043,625
June 2015	$961,306	$937,199
May 2015	$997,982	$971,842
April 2015	$942,149	$915,637
March 2015	$1,027,615	$984,653
February 2015	$1,049,450	$1,027,500
January 2015	$1,245,000	$1,220,000

Last 12 Months South Calgary MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2015	$914,808	$896,700
November 2015	$777,666	$745,000
October 2015	$960,200	$917,000
September 2015	$0	$0
August 2015	$1,036,480	$974,560
July 2015	$584,450	$575,000
June 2015	$735,783	$726,483
May 2015	$594,950	$590,625
April 2015	$880,400	$875,189
March 2015	$1,104,800	$1,036,500
February 2015	$753,360	$729,000
January 2015	$1,013,250	$942,500

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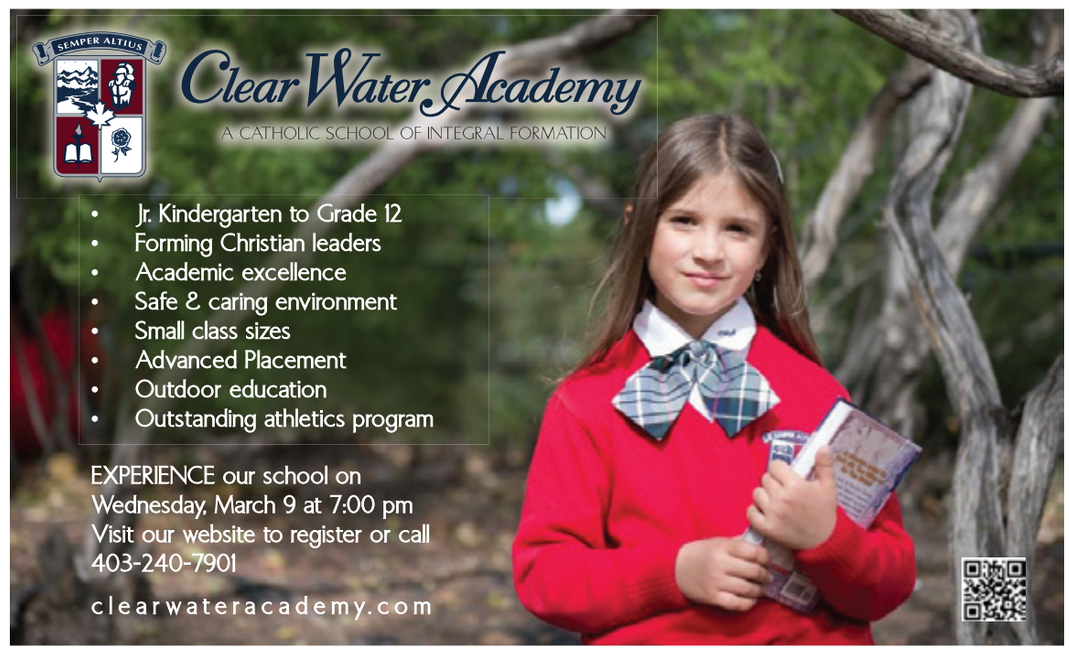

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