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MLCA BOARD RECRUITMENT

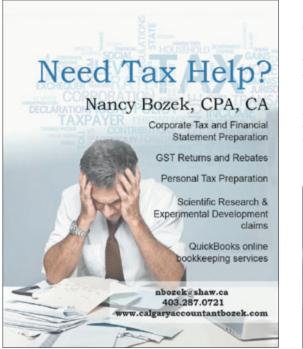
Are you new to the neighbourhood? Or have you lived here for 20 years? Are you looking for a way to get involved and give back to your community? If so we are interested in having you join our Board or a Board Committee. The MLCA Board is actively looking for and recruiting people for the following positions:

Board Position

Facilities Director – This is a Board position with a two year term. This person is responsible for the long term planning and maintenance of our facilities. They would work closely with our staff and city staff to monitor and carry out our Lifecycle Plan as established by the city.

Committee Positions

Hall Rentals Committee – This is a committee position with a chairperson in place. He says "I would like to get 3 – 4 people and here is my skill wish list - people with the occasional ability to go to the hall during the day and people with purchasing experience. The time commitment would be more of an ongoing thing, keeping up with emails with the very occasional in-person meeting".



Marketing Committee – This is a committee position with a chairperson and committee members in place. She says" I would love to have 2-3 additional people with experience in marketing, event promotions, PR, social media, sponsorship or graphic design. It doesn't need to be formal training/education, just someone who knows what they are talking about!"

Mobility Committee – This is a committee position with co-chairs and several committee members in place. They are looking to add a few people who are interested in the traffic and movement challenges of Marda Loop and how best they can be addressed and solved.

Planning and Development – This is a committee position with co- chairs and several committee members in place. They are looking for individuals with an interest in the re-development of the Marda Loop Communities. Training is provided for volunteers to lean about the re-development process and how to review development applications. Meetings are once a month.

Environment, Health & Safety Volunteer – We are looking for someone in the neighbourhood with Environment, Health and Safety experience to provide advice to the board. The scope of work is negotiable and may include advising on EH&S issues, developing policies and completing an EH&S audit of the community association.

Interested? Think you can add something to our Board and neighbourhood with your skills? Please contact Catherine Fraser, volunteer@mardaloop.com and she will put you in touch with the correct Board Director for more information.



MLCA EVENTS & NEWS

Check out our website for lots of information! ww.mardaloop.com

MLCA Board Meeting

Board meetings are usually 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 meetings: Monday, April 3 and May 1 Starts: 7:00 pm Location: MLCA Hall, 3130 - 16 Street SW

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Seniors Gathering

Mini-health Fair! Join us on Monday, April 3rd any time between 9 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. at the MLCA Upper Hall, 3130 - 16 St. SW for our next monthly gathering which will focus on services offered by health professionals in the Marda Loop BRZ. Sessions always begin with an hour of light fitness exercises.

MLCA Seniors membership (\$10 annual) is required to attend this program. Guests are welcome provided the \$10 annual membership is paid. For more information call 403-244-5411 x22. Members may e-mail seniors@ mardaloop.com with questions or suggestions.

Wine Appreciation Night

The April Wine Appreciation night will feature guest hosts from Indulge! Come out and see what Indulge has in store for us this year. Our hosts be promoting the Marda Loop Communities Association premier fundraising event, Indulge. The April Wine Night will feature some wines from the Indulge selection. Shawn from Springbank Cheese selects the cheese, Claude from Highland Wine and Spirits provides the wine. As always, you get to rate the pairings they've put together for us. It's an informal evening and a great way to get involved in the community. Welcome all! Please register at www.mardaloop.com. Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Doors open: 7:30pm, wine tasting starts 7:45pm Location: MLCA Lower Hall, 3130 - 16 Street SW Cost: \$25 per person (guests are welcome but must be accompanied by an MLCA member)

Community Recycling Day

We're hosting a 3rd annual organized community cleanup event to support our residents in their spring cleaning! For one day only, please bring your large waste items, recyclables, and donation items to the MLCA Hall Date: Saturday, April 22, 2017 Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Location: MLCA Lower Hall, 3130 - 16 Street SW

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MARDA LOOP COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION: MLCA PROGRAMS

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Spring Seniors Fit

Join a community of seniors and older adults for a total body workout appropriate for any fitness level. Senior's fit classes are designed to increase flexibility, join stability, balance, coordination, agility, muscular strength and cardiovascular endurance. The workout combines aerobic, flexibility and resistance training with plenty of friendly fun. MLCA membership is required to register in this program. Ages 60+ Wednesdays: 11:15 am – 12:15 pm April 5th – May 31st

9 classes Cost: \$45

Peanuts Soccer

Registration has opened. Please join us this year for fun, exercise, friends, and soccer skills! Children must be at least 3 years old prior to June 20th, 2017 3-5 year olds. Program runs from May 6th – June 24th

Cost: \$50 (MLCA Members only)

Please note: this is a parented activity. Parents must remain on site for the duration of the practices/games.

Marda Loop Swim Club 2017-18

Join our recreational, non-competitive club for swimmers, ages 7 to 18 years. Our goal is to improve each swimmers 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. Registration for the 2017/18 season will begin on April 1st.

Mondays: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Cost: \$300/swimmer

Playgroup Registration

Playgroup is still open for Mondays. Playgroup is 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. We are currently still accepting registrations in out Monday playgroup.

Playgroup Mondays

0-4 year olds

9:30am – 11:00am

Every Monday: February 13th – June 26th 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.

Spring Yoga at the MLCA

Yoga at the MLCA moves at a beginner to intermediate pace, and drop-in classes are \$12.50/class **Tuesday Night Yoga with Sophie:**

7:00pm-8:00pm May 2nd - June 27th Cost: \$115/non-member, \$90/member 9 Sessions

Wednesday Night Yoga with Sophie:

7:00pm-8:00pm May 3rd - June 28th Cost: \$115/non-member, \$90/member 9 Sessions **Friday Morning Yoga with Sophie:** Fridays 9:30am-10:30am May 5th – June 30th, 2017 Cost: \$115/non-member, \$90/member 9 Sessions

Summer Day Camps Return:

Registration is on now. Little Chef's Day Camp

(Ages 8-10 and 11-13)

Treat your Little Chef to the experience of a cooking camp this summer at the MLCA. Children will learn the basics of food preparation, kitchen safety, cooking techniques, and healthy eating. Participants will cook their own lunches so no need to bring a lunch! Other activities include swimming at the South Calgary Outdoor Pool, beach volleyball, and other fun outdoor games. Dates: July 3rd – 5th 9:00am-4:00pm Cost: Members - \$275, non-members \$305

MLCA Superstars – Multisport Camp

(Ages 6-7, 8-9, 10-11)

Your child is a Superstar no matter what their level of ability. Children will love playing a variety of sports throughout the day in our MLCA Superstars, Multisport camp. Sports include: soccer, tennis, beach volleyball, basketball, and baseball. Campers will also have a daily swim lesson at the South Calgary Outdoor Pool! Your child will also have the opportunity to play games, make crafts and netball. Children must be the required age prior to the first day of camp.

Dates: July 10^{th} – $14^{th},$ July 17^{th} – $21^{st},$ and July $24^{th}\text{-}28^{th}$ 9:00am – 4:00pm

Cost: Members - \$225, non-members - \$255



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).

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.



MARDA LOOP COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION





We are excited to unveil our vendors for 2017 and announce that this year we have more support from local vendors than ever for Indulge! If you have attended our premiere fundraising event, Indulge, you know that this fantastic evening would not happen without the participation and contribution of our local vendors.

Vendors who have provided unwavering support include The Trop, Merchants, Original Joe's, Fresh Kitchen, Cobs Bread, Ripe Tomato Pizza, Springbank Cheese, The Garrison Pub, David's Tea, Village Brewery, Wild Rose Brewery, Big Rock Brewery, Banded Peak Brewery, Original 16, and Redback Wines.

Not only will these local establishments be back for Indulge 2017, we are thrilled that NEW vendors are joining the line-up! Pips Board Game Café and Midnight Moonshine are welcome additions! Lookout for adult board games paired with snacks from Pips and teguila and rum tastings provided by Midnight Moonshine.

We are so thankful for this support. This is a tough year for many businesses and individuals, and our local merchants are stepping up to the plate to provide tasty samples at our fundraiser. This is the community spirit that makes Marda Loop so fantastic - THANKS!

What else is NEW at Indulge this year? We have a new ticketing and entry system in place this year that will

eliminate lineups at the door! No lines at the door means more time to sample the delicious libations and food that are included with your ticket purchase!

For the second year in a row, we are excited to provide electronic bidding for our silent auction! Last year the competition and fun that built throughout the night from the auction was palpable. Once again, bring your smartphone and when you bid on an item, you will receive automatic updates. Forgot your phone? No problem, we will have tablets available to process your bids. In addition, all items will be described online two weeks prior to the event so that you can check them out beforehand and start bidding early and often!

We continue to look for donations: event tickets, sports memorabilia, spa packages, dinners, electronic items... we are happy to pick up any donation items!

We can't wait to transform MLCA's parking lot into a place of celebration that reflects the spirit, energy and commitment of our vendors, sponsors, volunteers, and community.

Join us on May 27th. Eat. Drink. Indulge! Tickets at mardaloop.com/events.

If you would like to become a sponsor, vendor, or donate an item for our silent auction, please email indulge@mardaloop.com.

Watch this space next month when we introduce returning and NEW sponsors!



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Set in the heart of Marda Loop, our newly renovated, bright and cheerful preschool is a cooperative and caring environment where children learn and explore through play.

Find out more at www.mardaloop.com

MLCA PRESCHOOL UPDATE

Over the month of March, the children enjoyed an interactive emersion in the sciences, coupled with a less scientific study of rainbows, leprechauns and shamrocks just in time for St. Patrick's Day.

The 4 year old classes travelled back in time to learn all about the dinosaurs, fossil making and getting messy with the classic exploding volcano experiment.

For the three year old class, biology might be a stretch, but farm animals, bird varieties and baby animals all made their way into the class room.

Spring is in the air and the children are getting set for Easter treats and getting out in the community. During the month of April, the preschool will be extending its "Grand" Friends program into the three year old class and will be inviting the children's own grandparents to take part in some special inter-generational programming. The classes will also be making a visit to the librarv.

Until next time, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to email: preschooldirector@mardaloop.com.



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.



SEMINAR SERIES

Selling Your Heritage Home Wednesday, April 26

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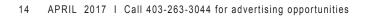
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MLCA Farmers' Market 2017 Season!

The MLCA is happy to announce the return of our summer Farmers' Market at the MLCA Hall beginning Saturday, June 3. The market will run each Saturday morning from 9am - 1pm until the Thanksgiving weekend, rain, shine or snow!

Come enjoy a warm and festive open-air farmer's market in the heart of the community. Get to know local farmers, makers and artisans and shop for just-picked produce, farm-fresh eggs and cheese, local meats, home-made baking, preserves, hand-made crafts and artisan-made wares.

Meet friends and neighbours to feast on fabulous foodtruck fare, and enjoy live music while your children have fun in our kids-only area.

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OPPORTUNITITES:

I am hoping that by the time you receive this in your mail box, winter will be behind us and we'll be thinking Spring cleaning...and on that topic our Community Clean Day this year is Earth Day - April 22. We still need a few eager volunteers to assist us that day with directing traffic, sorting through people's donations and assisting people in unloading their vehicles. We have two shifts that day 8am – 12pm and 11am – 3pm. This is a great opportunity for families to volunteer together. Children 12 and over are very welcome with a parent. Let me know at volunteer@mardaloop.com if you available to help. We are happy to sign a letter for high school volunteer credits.

Indulge, 2017 - The Indulge committee is hard at work planning another amazing evening for us all. Indulge is Saturday, May 27. The committee will be looking for some help the afternoon before to set up, the day of to complete the set up, and the evening of the event to assist with a variety of chores. Get your name on the list now if you are interested in helping with this wonderful evening.

Stampede Breakfast 2017 – Our annual Stampede Breakfast will be Saturday, July 15 this year. Our committee is hard at work planning some special events, inviting notable guests, ordering equipment and supplies, soliciting donations from the community and just generally trying to figure out how to feed over 2000 hungry neighbours. This is the single biggest event we host each year, participation wise, and we need LOTS of help. If you are ready to Stampede with us please let me know at volunteer@mardaloop.com and I will add your name to our roster of volunteers for that day. We can't do it without, so please sign up today.

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

Catherine Fraser, Director of Volunteers



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WINE NIGHT

"A lovely evening out." "Wine and Cheese – what can beat that!" "Fun" "It was great. We'd love to come again!" "Keep it up!"

These are just some of the comments we received through a survey at the Wine Appreciation Night in February.

The MLCA hosts a wine and cheese tasting event on the third Wednesday of every month. The doors open at 7:30 p.m., tasting begins at 7:45 p.m. Tables are set with a placemat with the wines and cheeses labelled.

Shawn McDonald of Springbank Cheese usually gets us going. Claude Fournier of Highlander Wine and Spirits introduces the wines, often with some wine-making history or a story about the vineyard. He tells us what the wine is good for and when we might enjoy it most.

Shawn pipes in with his selection of cheese. He explains things like that grey ribbon of ash found in some cheeses or how the monks in Quebec earned their reputation. We taste the wine; we taste the cheese, then rate them. The rating for the wine might be a solid three or four, and the cheese might be pretty good too, but together...together they are magic!

Every taster gets six glasses with about 2 ounces of wine in each. Claude has us taste the lighter, fruitier wines first; the denser, more robust wines at the end. A bread basket of baguette slices is on each table for palette cleansing. We get through three tastings, then take a break to socialize and to buy/sell raffle tickets. The first-place winner chooses his or her favourite of the six bottles tasted. The second-place winner chooses from the bottles that are left. The proceeds, from the raffle and from registration, help support the community association's programs.

After the break, we taste three more wine and cheese pairings. At the end of the evening (usually around 9:15 p.m.), Shawn collects our opinion on which pairings make us smile. I keep my placemat so I can shop for my favourites and support our local vendors.

We also provide some small finger food to get warmed up, but it's not supper!

Sound like fun? It is. Forty-one people (of the 42 who responded to our survey) said they would be **Very Likely** or **Likely** to recommend the MLCA Wine Night to a friend or family member! Most find out about Wine Night through this newsletter or by word of mouth. So spread the word and **sign-up on the Mardaloop.com website.**

April 19: Indulge guest hosts and a selection of wine to be featured at Indulge May 17: Canadian Wines June 21: A Blind tasting!

No Wine and Cheese event in July, August or December.



Best exotic morning for Seniors in the Loop

Yes, at their March gathering the Seniors decided to watch the first instalment of "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" and plan to follow it up soon with "The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel". It was delightful to journey with these 7 people, each of them facing the reality of old age in their own way. Many of the Seniors had already seen this movie, but somehow that didn't matter, because the humour, the Indian setting and the manner in which real issues are addressed, left every one feeling uplifted.

The aroma of popcorn in the air, the nachos and ice cream bars all helped to lend a very authentic movie theatre atmosphere. Thanks to Barb, Connie and Wally for setting this all up.

We are planning a mini-health Fair for our next meeting at the MLCA Hall on Monday, April ^{3rd} with health-related businesses in the BRZ providing presentations about their services. This will start around 10 a.m., but first, we will have our usual light fitness exercises at 9 a.m. Come join us at this very important event and avail of this opportunity to get answers to your questions from health professionals.

Section 23 Developments will also be on hand to share their preliminary plans for residences for seniors to be built beside King Edward School.

Intergenerational Project: Thank you to the folk who came forward to volunteer to visit the Marda Loop preschoolers for an hour each month. We now visit the 3 year olds, but are looking to visit the 4 year old classes starting in the Fall. More volunteers would be very welcome. A very simple police clearance is required, so please contact me at the e-mail address below for further information.

Knitting/Crochet Group: There is a year round need for warm hats, gloves, scarves at the Rockyview General hospital. We would like someone to come forward to organize a group of knitters/crocheters to produce a few such items on an ongoing basis to donate to the hospital. Anyone interested in taking on this very noble task could please contact me for further details.

Heather Bhatty, Coordinator "Seniors in the Loop" seniors@mardaloop.com



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Place: MLCA Community Center: 3130 16 Street SW

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The Military Museums Events Yorkton Film Festival

The Military Museums and The Military Museums Foundation in Marda Loop is collaborating with the Yorkton Film Festival to host several evenings of documentary films on the First and Second World Wars.

Films will be shown: April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25, June 8 & 22, 2017. Doors open at 6 p.m. and films begin at 7 p.m. Films selected from Canada's longest running film festival include the following:

April 13, 2017

Historyland: Vimy Ridge (45 min)

Includes Talk on: The Unparalleled Storm: The Canadian Corps at Vimy Ridge (30 min)

April 27, 2017

VIMY: Carved in Stone (45 min)

Includes Talk on: The Unparalleled Storm: The Canadian Corps at Vimy Ridge (30 min)

May 11, 2017

Fallen Soldiers (50 min) Includes Talk on: Where Have All the Good Men Gone: A Generation Lost at the Somme (30 min)

May 25, 2017

Rosies of the North (50 min) Includes Talk on: Women in War (30 min)

June 8, 2017

Secret Secretaries: The Women of B.S.C. (45 min) Includes Talk on: Women in War (30 min)

June 22, 2017

Jajo's Secret (50 min) Descriptions of each film are on the website at: www.themilitarvmuseums.ca/features/

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To signup for any or all of the films: RSVP@ themilitarymuseums.ca

War Stories 2017 **New Museum Exhibit Opens on Vimy Centennial** Personal stories of the battles of 1917 will be on display in The Founders' Gallery from April 9 to August 25, 2017 at The Military Museums in the new exhibition, War Stories 1917.

War Stories 1917 commemorates the 100th anniversary of the battles of 1917: Vimy, Hill 70 and Passchendaele. The exhibit tells the story of these battles through the eyes of the men and women who were there. The public opening will be held on Sunday, April 9, 2017, the centennial of the Battle for Vimy Ridge.

The new exhibit includes John George Pattison's Victoria Cross and a Red Ensign flag flown at Vimy (on loan from the Imperial War Museum in England). War Stories **1917** connects Canadians to the personal experiences of people like those of Mike Mountain Horse, Major General Sir David Watson and Major Talbot Papineau.

This exhibition marks the first time all seven regimental galleries, the Military Museums Foundation, the University of Calgary's Founders' Gallery and the University of Calgary's Library and Archives at the Military Museums have collaborated on a single, facility-wide exhibition.

Adding another dimension to the displays, the University of Calgary's Founders' Gallery will feature contributions by contemporary artists: Jason Baerg, Dianne Bos and Adrian Stimson. Their works include artistic portrayals of the battles of 1917 and representation of Indigenous participation in the First World War.

The artifacts in War Stories 1917 come from The Military Museums' own collections, private collections, the Glenbow, the Canadian War Museum, Canada Science and Technology Museum, and the Imperial War Museum in England.





IN YOUR COMMUNITY





Local visual artists Katie Green and daniel j kirk are seeking input from the greater Marda Loop community for a new art installation called The *Imaginarium*.

The artwork is to be located in the new contemporary main entrance of cSPACE (aka the King Edward School). The installation will be developed over the next 2-3 months in an "Artist in Residency" approach to art making, meaning that you will be able to stop in and see the artist duo's process from mid-March to the end of May.

The *Imaginarium* is a project that is designed to form new ideas, images and concepts, based upon a creative process. This process is to be inclusive of the Marda Loop Community.

Working within cSPACE to make an artwork that reflects its context, the artists are hoping to have members from the Marda Loop Community join them for a Creative Workshop on Saturday April 8th from 12pm-2pm or from 2:30pm-5pm. It will be hosted in the artist's studio in the cSPACE building. Signs will be posted.

This workshop will be a chance for you to share with the artists your own stories about the King Edward School and of Marda Loop. Art making materials and some light refreshments will be provided as you share in a creative process of art making. Bring your kids, tell your friends and family and come ready to engage your imagination.

For more information contact Katie Green at katie.green00@gmail. com.





IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Get ready now for our Community Recycling Day April 22

On Saturday, April 22, we are hosting our 3rd Annual Community Recycling event from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in the MLCA parking lot at **3130 16 St SW.**

Questions?

Can I bring old wicker patio furniture? YES – will go in packer trucks

What about paint and car batteries? NO – drop off at Lincoln Park/Garrison Green Fire Station #20 (2800 Peacekeepers Way SW) 7 days a week between 8 am and 6 pm

How about old appliances? YES – We have a metal recycler participating

Do I need to register in advance? NO – just show up

Is there a cost? NO - donations appreciated

The goal is to save residents a trip to the landfill for items that do not fit in their waste and recycling carts and for those who do not have cart service. This service is free of charge to all Marda Loop Communities residents (South Calgary, Altadore, River Park and Garrison Woods)

The City of Calgary supplies three packer trucks (two for waste and one for organic materials).

There are several items that the City of Calgary's packer trucks will not accept. So, we have arranged support from the following community-minded businesses: * Kal Tire will take your old TIRES

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- * Electronic Recycling Association ("ERA") will take your HOME ELECTRONICS
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Yard waste

Leaves, branches, plants, grass clippings and other yard waste (excluding sod) will be accepted at Community Cleanup events for composting. Yard waste must be separate from other items. All of the organic materials collected will be taken to one of the Calgary's composting facilities.

Free Zone

Stuff you don't want and can't be bothered having a garage sale? Bring it to our Swap Centre.

Any questions or suggestions for other recycling services? Please email me: jillchambers@shaw.ca

Jill Chambers, Event Organizer

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 pesticidefree 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.

If you do not currently garden with us and are interested in renting a garden bed for 2017, please email us at membership@communitycrop.org. We will be happy to add you to our wait list.

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We meet once a week for 2 hours to practice English, make new friends and have fun!

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For additional information contact Debra Colley at debrac@ciwa-online.com or 403-444-1752.

Debra Colley, Program Coordinator, New Friends and Neighbourhood Groups Calgary Immigrant Women's Association Phone: 403-444-1752, Email: debrac@ciwa-online.com Visit our website: www.ciwa-online.com

The Easter Bunny confirms it: Easter eggs are being hidden in Marda Loop!

The spokesbunny at Easter Bunny HQ has confirmed that the Easter Bunny will be hiding Easter eggs in a number of Marda Loop businesses as part of #MardaEggFest.

Get your kids, friends and family, and hop on down to the Marda Loop business district **on Saturday, April 15 from 10 am to 5 pm** to hunt for the eggs until they are all gone! Egg-finders will receive a chocolate treat and be entered in a prize draw to win a Marda Loop gift basket. You can be entered in the draw at every business where you find an egg, so if you hop-hop-hop all around Marda Loop your chances of winning will multiply like bunnies! Join the hunt early to avoid missing out! Balloons will be placed at businesses the Easter Bunny has visited.

For updates, go to www.visitmardaloop.com and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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MLA Calgary-Elbow Greg Clark Leader - Alberta Party (403) 252-0346 calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca Twitter: @GregClark4AB

The spring sitting of the Legislature began March 2nd with the Speech from the Throne. In it, the government outlined their agenda, including cuts to school fees, capping electricity rates and formalizing the phase-out of coal-fired power by 2030.

While I agree with some of their ideas, in particular relief for families paying some of the highest school fees in the country, there doesn't seem to be a plan to pay for these promises; or at least no plan beyond unsustainable levels of debt.

I acknowledge there are no easy answers to the economic challenges facing our province. As the economic downturn moves into its third year, many people are wondering what the future holds for our province. Will the government ever balance the budget, let alone start to pay back our debts? Will a new government slash public spending, lay off hundreds if not thousands of public servants and decimate front-line public services? Or is there another path?

Earlier this spring I released a white paper called *Pathway to Prosperity*, which you can find on the Alberta Party Caucus website at www.abpartycaucus.ca. I believe it's time to consider all options, and to ensure we ask Albertans what they think along the way, which is why I'm asking for your feedback. Please contact my office at the information below to share your thoughts on this document or anything else you'd like to tell me.

In terms of specifics, I believe the solution should include finding savings in government spending without hurting front-line services. It means ending our reliance on unpredictable resource revenues once and for all, while ensuring our energy industry remains strong. It means making our tax system as efficient as it can be and creating an attractive investment climate. I believe Albertans should keep more of their hard-earned money and we should examine new, stable sources of revenue to provide sustainable funding for core public services.

Alberta can once again become a vibrant province that attracts people from all over the country and around the world. We can have a robust economy, efficient government, clean environment, innovative education and healthcare systems, a great quality of life, and a community that values diversity. We can continue to have a world-leading energy industry while also taking a step into the next economy.

All of this is possible if we're willing to think differently. It's time for Albertans to do what we've always done; ask difficult questions and not be afraid of the answers.

BUDGET TOWN HALL

I need to hear from you, my constituents. What is important to you as our province moves forward? I'm hosting a Budget Town Hall on **Saturday, April 8th from 10:00 to 12:00 noon at the Marda Loop Communities Association (3130 16 St SW).** Join me there to share your thoughts on the government budget that was tabled mid-March, and to let me know what your priorities are. For more information on the town hall visit www. calgaryelbow.ca.

As always, you can contact my constituency office any time at (403) 252-0346 or calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca.



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

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

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

Making your lives more affordable is one of the key aspects of our consumer protection agenda. This work began with ad-~continued next page~

Brian Malkinson's report cont'd

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

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

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

IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Engaging Vulnerable People

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities Join us in partnership with the City of Calgary and the Calgary Drop-In & Rehab Centre Society to learn more about engaging vulnerable Calgarian who experience homelessness due to poverty, mental health, and addiction issues. We will also address community concerns around homelessness and different approaches you can take.

It's FREE for the public to attend!

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2017 Time: 7-9pm Location: Bridgeland-Riverside Community Association - 917 Centre Ave NE

Register at https://calgarycommunities.com/ workshops-events/



Our vision for the future Seniors' Residence located at cSpace is to create a community for residents who share a healthy, active and engaging lifestyle while offering personal value-added services.

We are currently in the planning stages for this project and would like to share our preliminary development concepts for community feedback at our public open house.

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Looking back at Budget 2016 and forward to 2017

Our government focused on investing in the middle class and working towards a more innovative economy. By directly investing in Canadians and families we are putting our country in better stead with firmer foot forward into the future.

At the tail end of 2016 our government approved two major pipelines after consulting with Canadians, building up an environmental consensus with the carbon price, and creating the balance between the environment and industry. By doing this work we are building the framework to create long term prosperity of Alberta and all of Canada.

On the subject of building up long term prosperity for our country – my colleague in cabinet and fellow Al-

berta Liberal Member of Parliament, Infrastructure Minister Amarjeet Sohi, is continuing his work to invest in projects like the Green Line LRT, flood mitigation projects, and more for our city. Since the 2015 election our government has invested some \$3 billion into Albertan infrastructure: more than the last five years of the previous government combined.

Looking back at Budget 2016 we went forward with three of our main platform planks. First amongst them was the Canada Child Benefit which gave simpler, taxfree, and more generous and better targeted help to families. 9 out of 10 Canadians families benefit from higher payments under our newly implemented system – and is now on the way to lifting hundreds of thousands of children out of poverty.

Our second commitment was a middle class tax cut. As one of our first acts as a government was to cut taxes for nearly 9 million Canadians by reducing the second personal income tax rate, and delivering tax relief to Albertans.

Thirdly – we created a \$2.7 billion reform package of Employment Insurance to support Albertans and ~continued next page~



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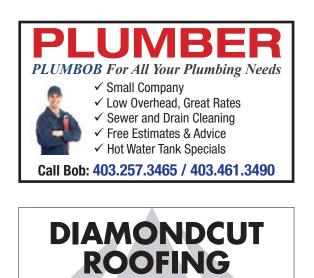
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Canadians during the commodity price downturn. By reducing wait-times (from two weeks to one week), and specifically work with Albertans on accessing more benefits, these changes would support those impacted by the decrease in oil prices. Some of these benefits we extended benefits up to 50 weeks for hurting Albertans, with long-tenured workers able to receive an additional 20 weeks up to a maximum of 70 weeks. Further to this – we doubled the maximum of the work-sharing agreements to 76 weeks.

Budget 2017 will be a continuation of our work as a government. We are actively seized with supporting the middle class and working towards a better future for all. More details will be available at budget.gc.ca.

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.







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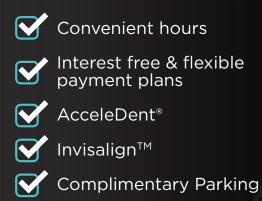
When we choose to cast our votes in any election, we are not only choosing the voice we want representing us Municipally, Provincially or Federally, we are also bearing out our country's historic democratic tradition. The first step to continuing to participate in this tradition is to make sure we (and our friends and family) are registered to vote.

Both your voter and census registration will be showing up in the mail at the same time from April 1 to 21 and you'll be able to complete your census and voter registration online at Calgary.ca/census. The census data collected every year is necessary to make sure the city's programs and services are serving the needs of Calgarians. If you've never completed the census before, it takes a handful of minutes and gives the City the information we need to make our neighbourhoods better. If you are unable to complete your census online, door-to-door census and voter registration collection will begin April 22, 2017.

One last way to participate in city dialogue is to join the more than 2,000 people that have signed up for Citizens' View, Calgary's online panel. Citizensview. ca makes it easier for Calgarians to share their input anytime, anywhere through online surveys and discussions. As Citizens' View continues to grow, The City is working to make sure that they hear from people of all ages and areas of Calgary.

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I have had the greatest pleasure to be the Councillor for Ward 11 in Calgary since 2007. I embarked on this journey dedicated to explore opportunities to make our community and our city a more sustainable and inclusive place. My passion for this work has never waned throughout the past almost 10 years. I am as committed to our community today as I was when I decided to make the step into municipal government. I remain committed to building and supporting our community as I take my next step.

All that said, as of February 7th, 2017, I have decided to not run in the 2017 Municipal Election.

When I started in 2007, I was passionate about a number of issues and had many goals that I wanted to achieve. I feel that I have done so, including changing the way we grow our city, abating the unsustainable and expensive suburban sprawl pattern we had experienced

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for the last 50 years, improving cycling infrastructure, expanding transit, and supporting a vibrant arts sector. I discovered a few goals along the way that surprised me, especially my passion for improving the auditing process at the City of Calgary - a process I led in 2008-11. And through it all, working with communities across Ward 11 to support them, addressing their challenges and issues, and initiating new ways to engage their neighbours has been incredibly rewarding.

There are issues that I was determined to make significant headway on that I think need more work. I wish that I had been successful on getting a ban on the cosmetic use of pesticides in our city, to protect our children when they are playing in the yard or the neighbourhood park. As I have worked on the affordable housing file for many years with the Federal and Provincial governments, as well as the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, I have come to realize the challenges for addressing this very significant issue in Calgary lie with the other orders of government. Provincial and Federal policy and financing are key barriers to making real progress to provide safe and affordable housing for all. As well, the work of Reconciliation with indigenous peoples is just beginning. This too will require the commitment of all orders of government to work together to be true partners with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

There is more work to be done. I don't know what my next step is; but I do know that the only way to discover what oppportunities lie ahead is to close the current door.

I will continue to work for a more inclusive community, where everyone has a chance to succeed in their own way and on their own terms. I remain dedicated to the deep egalitarian principles that I believe are embedded in the psyche of this great city, our strong province, and our welcoming and inclusive country. I truly am excited to see how I might be doing that in the future.

I have deep thanks to all those who have supported me as the Ward 11 Councillor for the past 10 years. It has been an honour to work with and learn from all of you. It has been a pleasure working with the wonderful staff in the Ward 11 office; they have made it a joy to come to work each day. I also have had the honour of working with City of Calgary staff who are dedicated, day in and day out, to making our city better. Last, and never least, has been the opportunity to work with residents across Ward 11 to make their communities better. You have always been an inspiration to do more and to try harder.



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