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Our annual Stampede Breakfast will be **Saturday, July 15**. This is the single biggest event we host each year so come on down and Stampede with us!



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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](mailto:president@mardaloop.com)  
Upcoming meetings: Will start again in September  
Starts: 7:00 pm  
Location: MLCA Hall, 3130 - 16 Street SW

## Seniors Gathering

We'll be taking a break till September 11th, 2017 when we look forward to meeting again between 9 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. at the MLCA Upper Hall, 3130 - 16 St. SW. All Marda Loop residents 55 and above are welcome. We hope we can convince you to become a member of our group for just \$10 a year. For more information call 403-244-5411 x22. Members may e-mail seniors@mardaloop.com with questions or suggestions.

**Wine Night will resume in September as well!**

Stay tuned for details!

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Thank you to the Community Cleanup Event Organizer,  
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da Loop.

On behalf of Community Standards & Waste and Recycling Services

## Thank you MARDA LOOP

Congratulations on a successful Community Cleanup  
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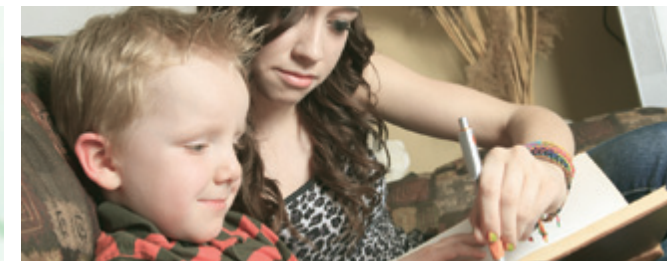
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## South Calgary Outdoor Pool Now Open

South Calgary Outdoor Pool (SCOP) has opened its doors for the 2017 season. (weather co-operating of course). As always, we will be offering Red Cross swimming lessons for all ages, and pool rentals for birthday parties, staff functions, and BBQs. For more information, please contact Emily Matlo: pool-manager@mardaloop.com or visit our website at www.mardaloop.com

## Swimming Lesson Registration

MLCA and South Calgary Outdoor Pool(SCOP) is proud to offer a variety of Red Cross Swim Lessons at the Outdoor Pool this summer.

Lessons run weekly Monday-Friday in the mornings. Cost: \$48-\$55 depending on the level.

For more information please visit www.mardaloop.com for more information.

## Summer 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

July 4th - August 2nd

Cost: \$115/non-member, \$90/member

## Art in The Park

Join teacher and artist, Tammy Thomson from Nurture Nest Early Learning this summer for stories, songs and hands-on art with your little artists in the park. Each week throughout July and August, we will engage children ages 0-6 years in a variety of playful, Reggio-inspired experiences in the parented class. Make new friends while trying painting, messy play, bubbles, nature crafts and more using fun and safe art materials.

On Tuesdays, Art in the Park will be at the MLCA South Calgary Park Pavilion from 10:00 am to 11:15 am. Thursdays we will be 'out and about' visiting a different park and playground each week in Southwest Calgary. The cost is \$160 per family for 8 weeks or purchase a drop-in pass for any 4 classes throughout the summer for \$100 per family.

If you are looking for an un-parented experience for 4-6 year olds, our new **Art Soup** program will introduce art fundamentals in painting, nature crafts, clay, observational drawing and more. Children will be guided by teacher and artist, Tammy Thomson to create high quality art on Tuesdays and Thursdays in July or August from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the MLCA South Calgary Park. This class is limited to only 6 children and all materials are provided. The cost is \$240 per child for 8 classes.

To register for Art in the Park or Art Soup, or to purchase a drop-in pass visit us online at www.nurturenest.ca



## Summer Day Camps

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)

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Dates: July 10th - 14th, July 17th - 21st, and July 24th-28th 9:00am - 4:00pm

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

## 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.

The program runs from Sept. 2017 - April 2018

Mondays: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Cost: \$300/swimmer

## 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).

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.



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## Mobility

The Mobility Team is out of the shop, tuned up and hitting the road again with renewed vigour. Some of our upcoming focus will be to reach out to other surrounding communities to learn and share how best to tackle the traffic issues we are encountering in the Marda Loop communities. We will also be seeking input from Calgary Police Services with the intent to make our community roads safer and hopefully more user friendly for pedestrians and residents while taking into account the needs of vehicular traffic. We aren't the ones making any final decisions and any changes often have to go through a long approval process which includes competing for limited city money, but we will be a voice for the community and put forth suggestions and recommendations. In other words, we aren't going to be a silent entity.

So... what are your major concerns around mobility in the Marda Loop communities? Do you have a problem street? Are cars using your road as a race track? Are there some safety measures that could be put in to improve your area? Are there places that drivers and their vehicles are blatantly disregarding the rules of the road? Would you support a 40-km speed limit on our residential streets? What about more Rapid Response Flashing Beacons (strobe lights) at critical cross walks? Do you have street parking issues? We want to hear from you. Please e-mail [mobility@mardaloop.com](mailto:mobility@mardaloop.com) and let us know. With your input, we will get a better idea of what the concerns are at the individual level and if there are similar concerns from multiple people it will give us a better indication of where to put our efforts.

We are a small group of concerned residents who believe that Sharing the Road involves the cars that use them as well as taking into consideration residents and pedestrians. We live here and we want our communities liveable. If you are interested in joining our team, we would welcome your input.

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## SENIORS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

### Stampede Celebrations Begin Early This Year Again for Seniors in The Loop

The nice thing about celebrating early is that the charming team of Calgary Stampede Promotion Committee members are not heavily booked at other events. For the fourth consecutive year, we were honoured by their presence and treated to a delightful morning of branding, line dancing, 'happy trail' singalong and a taste of Western hospitality. We had a hearty laugh once more with John and his clever little Harry the Horse, who may need to be house trained the next time the two of them come to put on an amazing show for us.

A Stampede event is hardly complete without a hearty pancake, sausage and real maple syrup breakfast. The MLCA Board played host again this year with the President Tom Rosettis, Past President Anne Kaufmann, Volunteers Director Catherine Fraser and Director at Large Kath Orr serving the Seniors. They were assisted with the service by two volunteer residents, Gene and Corinne Lung. Hats off to all of these kind-hearted folk!

No occasion is fun without music and it gets even better when there's a live band. We were fortunate to have Rick and his Timeless Reflections band entertain us with golden Western oldies throughout the morning. Phil Streifel made yet another valiant attempt to get a round of decent square dancing going, but the crowd just got too unruly for such



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

organized movement or formation! Please don't give up on us, Phil, we'll get it right one day.

Thus, we ended the first half of our year on a really high note. We will be taking a break for the summer, although some of us will be volunteering at some of the other Marda Loop Community events in the coming weeks. We may also get together for a pool-side party or lawn bowling, but we will certainly be back in September with another fun-filled schedule of events to be held each month. There is also a Canada 150 celebration planned for October.

We're still looking for more members to join our group and we're also on the lookout for volunteers to join our activities involving the kids at the Marda Loop Preschool. We recently spent a great time with them preparing cards for Mothers' Day and will soon be doing the same for Fathers' Day. It only means spending one hour each month with the kids, reading stories or participating in an activity with them. Let me know if you would like to join us.

Knitting and crochet will also start in September and all our "products" will be gifted to the Rockyview Hospital. Here's another way for you to be a part of our group.

Have a safe and happy summer!

If you are a 55 or older resident in our Community, you are most welcome to attend our events and meetings. We hope that you will, if you have not already, buy an annual membership which costs just \$10 a year! We look forward to having you join us.

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### OPPORTUNITIES:

**Stampede Breakfast 2017** – Our annual Stampede Breakfast will be **Saturday, July 15**. Our committee has been hard at work for the past 6 months 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 helping hands that morning. If you are ready to Stampede with us, please let me know at [volunteer@mardaloop.com](mailto:volunteer@mardaloop.com)

**Farmer's Market** – Our MLCA Farmer's Market opened on **Saturday, June 3** at 9:00 am with blue skies and a record attendance. The market will run every Saturday morning from now until Thanksgiving. We are looking for any interested community members to help out at our "Welcome to the Market" table. We will provide all the information you need. Just bring your smile!! Interested in lending a helping hand to the Market, contact Catherine at [volunteer@mardaloop.com](mailto:volunteer@mardaloop.com).

**Potential Movie in the Park Event** – Come celebrate the Community Association's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Movie in the Park night in September. We are looking for a few interested people to help organize this special event. Please let Catherine know ASAP if you are interested at [volunteer@mardaloop.com](mailto:volunteer@mardaloop.com).

That's the Volunteer News for this month. **Want to get involved in your neighbourhood – email me at [volunteer@mardaloop.com](mailto:volunteer@mardaloop.com)**

*Catherine Fraser, Director of Volunteers*



## MLCA FARMERS' MARKET 2017 SEASON!



The MLCA Farmers' 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 farmers' 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 food-truck fare, and enjoy live music while your children have fun in our kids-only area.

### 2017 Market Special Event Schedule

- July 15: MLCA Stampede Breakfast
- August 2: Canada FOOD Day
- September 2: Back-To-School Kids Day! Bike Decorating & Parade
- September 9: MLCA 60th Birthday Community Party
- October 7: Thanksgiving Market

We can't wait to see you at the market! Visit us at [www.mardaloop.com](http://www.mardaloop.com) or on Facebook: [facebook.com/mardaloopfarmersmarket](https://facebook.com/mardaloopfarmersmarket)

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# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## Sustainable Development Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

The MLCA Sustainability Committee is pleased to continue its series on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Each month, we discuss one of the 17 universal goals that will transform our planet and lead us towards a more sustainable future.

Clean water is essential to our survival. For many of us, we take this simple fact for granted. In Calgary, our world-class water treatment and testing facilities ensure that we all have access to clean, safe drinking water. Our city protects local watersheds, enhances the quality of our raw water sources, and performs more than 150,000 tests annually to ensure we have access to superior drinking water quality in our homes.

Yet globally each year, over 1.6 billion people are exposed to drinking water sources contaminated with fecal matter and over 2.4 billion people do not have access to improved sanitation facilities. The primary purpose of the sixth SDG is to address these issues and to ensure the availability and sustainable management of drinking water, sanitation and hygiene for all.

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## IN YOUR COMMUNITY



## Community Crop Garden Society

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**Currie Booster Garden – 3410 - 16<sup>th</sup> Street SW**

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**Alternative High School Garden – 5003 - 20<sup>th</sup> Street SW**

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Enjoy Canadian music, arts, crafts and delicious food at venues throughout the city, including Eau Claire, East Village, Stephen Avenue Mall and Riverfront Avenue, or take part in storytelling and activities at the Central Library. You can even discover Studio Bell at a special discounted rate or check into the King Eddy for live music all day.

Help us show our national pride by participating in the Enmax Living Flag at Fort Calgary this year, and re-affirm your personal pride as a Canadian at the CIBC Canadian Oath, being held at Olympic Plaza.

You won't want to miss a minute of this year's Canada Day events! Please visit our Canada Day page at Calgary.ca for times, locations, road closures and updates as we put the final plans in place.

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## CALGARY INTERNATIONAL BLUES FESTIVAL – SHAW MILLENNIUM PARK, JULY 31 – AUG. 6

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## TOUR DE BOWNESS – 6501 BOWNESS RD. N.W., AUG. 5 - 7

This year marks the 16th running of the Tour de Bowness and Bow Cycle's 60th anniversary. More info: [tourdebowness.com](http://tourdebowness.com).



## GLOBALFEST – ELLISTON PARK, AUG. 15 – 26

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

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### Strathmore Stampede - 33 Wheatland Trail, Strathmore, AB, T1P 1V2 – Aug. 4 – 7

The Strathmore Stampede is an outdoor event including rodeo, chuckwagons, and their signature Running with the Bulls event. One of the most action-packed stops of the summer, our fair grounds include live concerts, food trucks, beer gardens, trade show, cabaret, farmers' market, kids zone, and much more! More info: [strathmorestampede.com](http://strathmorestampede.com).

### Taste of Calgary – Eau Claire Market Plaza, Aug. 10 – 13

Discover Calgary's global cuisines from a mix of unique restaurants and beverage companies, plus, get a taste of Calgary's great musicians, and shop at some of the most interesting marketplace vendors in the city. More info: [tasteofcalgary.com](http://tasteofcalgary.com).

### Puppies and Prosecco-Dining with Your Dog – Vin room West and Mission, Aug. 13

Join us on our patio for a private group training class for you and your dog. All ages and sizes of dogs welcome. We will cover basic obedience skills and how to set your dog up for success. More info: [eventbrite.ca/e/puppies-and-prosecco-vin-room-tickets-33841948178](http://eventbrite.ca/e/puppies-and-prosecco-vin-room-tickets-33841948178).

### West Side Story – StoryBook Theatre, Aug. 19 – Sept. 9

Inspired by Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, West Side Story is one of the greatest musicals of the 20th century – a love story set on opposite sides of a turf war between rival street gangs. Includes such popular songs as Maria, I Feel Pretty, Tonight, America and Somewhere. This production will feature the students of the hugely popular Student Summer Intensive Program. More info: [storybooktheatre.org](http://storybooktheatre.org).



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2017 is Canada 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and this July celebrate with friends, family, and the greater community our nation's sesquicentennial!

### The 2017 Calgary Stampede | July 7-16<sup>th</sup> 2017

The Calgary Stampede is more than the greatest outdoor shown on earth - it's our opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate our heritage, traditions, diversity, and civic pride. After all, Calgary is the heart of the new west.

So, take the time, get out, and enjoy! And like every year, the Calgary Stampede has special days on offer so the fun times last longer.

- Parade Day | July 7<sup>th</sup> free entry from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. go straight from the Parade to the Park!
- Cenovus Family Day | July 9<sup>th</sup> free entry 8 a.m. – Noon and the first 20,000 guests get a FREE Breakfast!
- Canada 150 Day | July 11<sup>th</sup> free all day entry for seniors 65+ plus a free WestJet Skyride!

For all the details and more special Stampede events go to [www.calgarystampede.com](http://www.calgarystampede.com)

### Canada 150: Beyond July 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre Street Festival | July 1-7

To Celebrate Canada 150, the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre Street Festival is a new week-long festival of Chinese Culture that will bring Calgarians to the core of their City's Chinatown. This event is open to all Calgarians and offers tours, tea tastings, and street performances. Attendees will make their own Chinese handcrafts and learn about fusions between Chinese and Western medicines.

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Hello Family and Friends of Mohamed A. Nasser:

You are invited to attend a celebration of Mohamed's life on Sunday, July 16th, 2017 at that Marda Loop Community Hall. 3130 16th Street SW, Calgary at 3:00 pm. The Nasser's will greet you, come and share your memories with us. Danny Nasser, 403-860-8899.





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### Alberta Parks Day

Summer is a fantastic time to take advantage of the natural beauty Calgary-Elbow and Alberta have to offer. Our outdoor spaces are world class.

Albertans are invited to celebrate “Parks Day” on July 15th. Provincial parks across Alberta will be hosting a variety of activities from scavenger hunts to sand castle building competitions. Alberta Parks has an extensive list of events on their website. Visit [www.AlbertaParks.ca](http://www.AlbertaParks.ca) to find out more.

We are fortunate to have Fish Creek Provincial Park located inside our city boundaries and many other parks within a few hours’ drive. There are new and exciting

programs and activities being offered by Alberta Parks including geocaching and “comfort camping”. Did you know:

- More than 12.5 per cent of Alberta is designated as national or provincial parks (8.3 per cent - national parks, 4.2 per cent – provincial parks)
- The Alberta Parks system protects more than 27,600 square km of the province. That’s more than four times the size of Prince Edward Island
- There are about 250 campgrounds with nearly 14,000 campsites in the Alberta Parks system

Get out and enjoy!

### The Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission

The Alberta Electoral Boundary Commission published their interim report at the end of May. Recommendations for the constituency of Calgary Elbow are as follows:

It is recommended that the boundaries of this electoral division be adjusted to add the neighbourhoods of Lower Mount Royal and Kelvin Grove while moving the community of Rutland Park into Calgary-Currie.

The population would be 50,216, 8% above the provincial average. The level of positive variance in population created is justified, in the view of the majority, by the fact that the future population growth rate is likely to fall below provincial average given the character of this south-central area. As a result, its population levels will likely be at or below provincial average by the time of the next electoral boundaries review.

You can view and comment on the proposed changes by visiting [www.abebc.ca](http://www.abebc.ca). This website also provides information on public hearing taking place in Calgary on July 20th. Please feel free to share your comments with my office at [calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca).

Have a great summer!



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When I worked as mechanic and then later, as a diesel engine salesman, I was lucky to have had positive experiences with each of my employers. But my experience is not everyone’s experience. And that is why I am proud of the changes our government is making to ensure that Alberta has fair, modern and family-friendly workplaces that support our growing economy.

One of the bills of this past session was Bill 17 - Fair and Family-friendly Workplaces Act. This brought our Employment Standards Code and Labour Relations Code legislation in line with trends and standards across Canada. These amendments will make life better for Alberta families and protect vulnerable Albertans by, for example, repealing the ability for employers to pay employees with disabilities less than minimum wage. Albertans also had to work for one year before they were able to access compassionate care, maternity and parental leave. That was the longest wait period in Canada. Our government has reduced that period to 90 days like Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec, and Nova Scotia.

Because all Albertans deserve to be treated fairly at work, you are now eligible for new unpaid leaves that would provide up to 36 weeks of job protection for parents with critically ill or injured children. Parents caring for a critically ill child should not have the extra stress of worrying about if they will have a job once they return to work. In addition, 36 weeks of job protected leave applies to those fleeing domestic violence. A new unpaid leave provides up to 10 days of job protection per year for employees addressing a situation of domestic violence. And as we celebrate Canada Day this July first, I am happy that we are providing new Canadians with a half-day leave so they will not lose their job for attending their Canadian citizenship ceremony.

This session also saw the passing of Bill 205 – Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Act – We will be one of three provinces in Canada to have such an advocate. I continued my consultative work on my own bill, The Henson trust. I travelled to Lethbridge in June, and in July I will hold a consultation in Medicine Hat. Thanks to

all for your excellent contributions. I look forward to this becoming the law of land in Alberta.

Here in Calgary Currie I recently attended the opening of a newly renovated affordable housing unit in Bankview. This Calgary Housing Company renovation provides 26 households with modern, safe, and affordable housing, and is part of a \$1.3 million investment in senior and affordable housing in our riding. In June, I saw many of you at the Lilac Festival and I look forward to seeing many more of you at my Stampede Breakfast at the Glenbrook Community Association on July 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:30pm. We will have food with halal options, face painting, music, and even wiener dog racing! I’d love to visit your events too - please contact me at the office, or on Facebook or Twitter @BrianMalkinson.



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## Art Out-of-Doors

Summer is here, and I'm sure many of us are looking for ways to experience the arts out-of-doors, in the sunshine (hopefully not in the rain!) Like the warming rays of the sun give us vitamin D, helping to improve our mood and overall personal well-being, so does listening to music, viewing art, or seeing live theatre. According to the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, "the quality of a community's cultural infrastructure has a direct impact on quality of life."

Fortunately for us in Calgary, there are some fabulous opportunities to get our happy on and enjoy the arts outside during the month of July. Kick off your summer season with the free Canada Day celebration on Olympic Plaza with music, parades, and of course, fireworks! Among many other exciting events that day, Arts Commons and The City of Calgary are inviting 1,500 musicians to perform *Four Strong Winds* together with legendary Alberta musician, Ian Tyson – for free! To view the full lineup of Canada Day activities, you can visit [Calgary.ca/Canada150](http://Calgary.ca/Canada150).

Also happening in July, Music in the Plaza returns to Heritage Park, giving you a great opportunity to introduce your kids to a music performance without the pressure of having to sit still, and Theatre Calgary's Shakespeare on the Bow is back for another year with *As You Like It* at Prince's Island Park. Then, of course, there's the ever-popular Calgary Folk Music Festival where you can stroll from stage to stage enjoying an all-star lineup of folk musicians carefully selected for your listening enjoyment. What better way to enjoy your summer months than to combine the arts and fun in the sun?

For a full list of Calgary's festivals this summer, indoor and outdoor, you can visit [todocanada.ca/festivals-in-calgary](http://todocanada.ca/festivals-in-calgary).

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