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*Be sure to include your email address so we can keep you up to date with community news and events of interest to you.*

Your support through membership is critical to Meadowlark Park Community Association's success in negotiations with the various governments (municipal, provincial and federal) and business entities that your board interacts with on a regular basis.

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# South West Communities Resource Centre

Located in the Professional Wing of the Oakridge Co-Op Mall

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### Parent Talk – Register Now

Thursday mornings, 10:00 – 11:30, January 21 to March 31, 2016. Free child-minding, coffee and snacks. Parenting tip sheets and children's books to take home.

This free program is open to all parents of babies and young children.

- Enjoy the company and support of other parents
- Give your children some supervised play time
- Get your parenting questions answered with the help of facilitators from the Further Education Society
- Help your young children learn and develop their potential

You can register and start the program anytime over the 11 weeks of the session. Attend as many weeks as you can. To register, call the SWCRC at 403-238-9222.

**Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting. Register Now**  
Tuesday mornings, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm for eight weeks.  
Next sessions are February 2 – March 22, 2016; and April 12

### – May 31, 2016. Program offered free of charge and includes program materials, child minding, coffee and snacks.

Children have the right to protection from physical punishment and to positive discipline that respects their dignity. In this wonderfully affirming program, parents of children 0 – 18 years will learn the four principles of positive discipline: setting goals; creating a positive home climate; understanding how children think and feel; and problem solving in challenging situations. Parents will practice their skills in hands-on exercises and learn to apply these principles across a wide range of situations. The result will be a positive relationship with your child that will last a lifetime. This program is facilitated by the SWCRC's social workers. To register, please call Marylou Breig at 403-238-9222 ext. 225 or Aynsley Walsh at 403-238-9222 ext. 224.

### Neighbours Helping Neighbours

Many thanks to those of you who donated baby and personal

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Guides Canada

# BLACKFOOT DISTRICT

### Happy Thinking Day!

So what is this Thinking Day? World Thinking Day – February 22- is the joint birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell the founders of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. World Thinking Day gives Girl Guides and Girl Scouts the world over the chance to reflect and show camaraderie with their sisters in far flung places. Units will hold parties or special events in celebration of Thinking Day and raise funds for the CWFF (Canadian World Friendship Fund). These funds will go to WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts) for development of the Guiding programs in other countries.

Blackfoot District will be hosting a bridging roller skating night for all its members. This is an event sure to be filled with spins and thrills-can you do the Hokie-Pokie on roller skates?

The Spark units will be visiting the fire hall, celebrating Valentine's Day with cupcakes and cards, and learning about Guides from around the world.

The Brownie units will be working on Keys, sleeping over at Telus Spark, celebrating Thinking Day through games, songs, dances and crafts from our sister Guiding countries.

The Guide units will be learning about the 4 World Guiding Centres by participating in activities from Mexico (Our Cabana), India (Sangam), Switzerland (Our Chalet) and England (Pax Lodge) in celebration of Thinking Day.

The Pathfinder, Ranger and Trex units will be prepping for winter camping, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, attending STEM Day at U of C and prepping for the national camp "Guiding Mosaic" being held in Alberta this summer.

Guiding is a great place to build new friendships and experience new challenges. Why not give us a try.

If you have any questions regarding Guiding or registration please contact

Calgary Area Girl Guides at 403-283-8348 or gginfo@calgarygirlguides.com

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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](http://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](http://calgary.ca/swtransitway), as well as through the Ward 11 office.



**MLA CALGARY-ELBOW  
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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 resold 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](http://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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# Individual Pumpkin Cheesecakes



## Ingredients:

- 1 3/4 cups gingersnap crumbs
- 2/3 cup finely chopped walnuts
- 6 tbsp salted butter, melted
- 8 oz (250 g) cream cheese, softened
- 4 large eggs
- 2 cups canned pure pumpkin
- 1 cup packed golden brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1/8 tsp cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp ground allspice
- 1/8 tsp salt
- Pinch nutmeg

## Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 325°F.
2. To prepare crusts, combine crumbs, walnuts and melted butter in a bowl until blended.
3. Press mixture onto bottom of 9 wide-mouth half-pint Mason jars or 3/4 cup heatproof ramekins; set aside.
4. To prepare filling, use medium speed of an electric mixer and beat cream cheese until creamy. Beat in eggs until blended. Add pumpkin, brown sugar, vanilla, cinnamon, allspice, salt and nutmeg; beat until smooth.
5. Divide filling among prepared jars and place jars in a large roasting pan. Pour enough hot water into pan to come halfway up sides of jars.
6. Bake until filling is set, about 45 minutes.
7. Remove jars from pan and place jars on a rack. Cool cheesecakes completely in jars.
8. Cover and refrigerate for at least 8 hours or up to 24 hours. Alternatively, cheesecakes may be frozen for up to 1 month. Thaw in refrigerator.
9. Uncover and serve in jars topped with Citrus Whipped Cream. *Makes 9.*

## Citrus Whipped Cream

### Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 1/2 tbsp packed golden brown sugar
- 1 tbsp fresh orange juice
- 1/2 tsp grated orange peel
- 1/8 tsp cinnamon
- Pinch nutmeg
- 1/2 cup whipping cream

## Instructions:

1. Combine sour cream, brown sugar, orange juice, orange peel, cinnamon and nutmeg in a bowl.
2. Using medium speed of an electric mixer, beat cream until stiff.
3. Fold in sour cream mixture. *Makes about 1 1/2 cups.*

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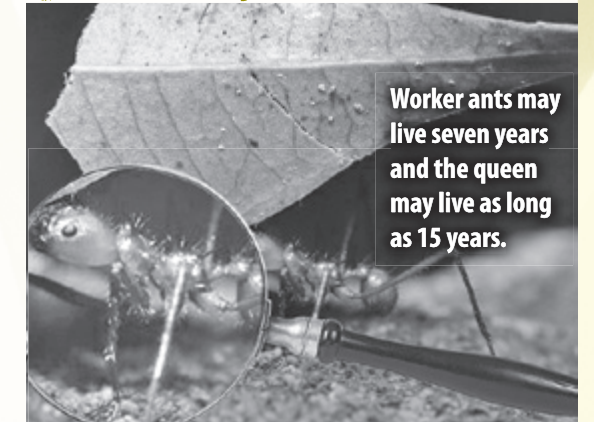
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## Insect Trivia



Worker ants may live seven years and the queen may live as long as 15 years.



Name	Age	Contact	Course
Abigail	18	705-706-4338	No
Alana	24	587-888-4854	Yes
Alison	24	587-999-1278	Yes
Amber	30	587-438-4789	Yes
Anna	13	403-225-8223	Yes
Blaise	24	587-223-8583	Yes
Bree	17	905-376-9229	No
Camila	27	403-680-0942	No
Catherine	27	514-293-1395	Yes
Christoph	24	587-998-6172	Yes
Connie	16	403-862-2081	No
Dana	18	403-993-4492	Yes
Danita	21	403-990-0205	Yes
Elaura	18	403-471-5051	Yes
Emily	23	403-999-8525	Yes
Erika	18	403-685-4645	Yes
Eugene	18	403-703-4488	Yes
Evelyn	12	403-475-0919	Yes
Genevieve	25	581-307-6165	Yes
Gillian	16	403-259-8680	Yes
Harvinder Kaur	31	587-830-6217	Yes
Heather	13	403-243-9779	Yes
Heather	29	403-966-5233	Yes
Henry	15	403-719-8282	Yes
Jakarta	18	403-808-8503	No
Jamie-Lyn	21	403-892-0176	No
Josefa	25	587-437-1252	Yes
Kaitlynn	15	403-874-4034	Yes
Kassy	27	587-439-9411	No
Katharine	17	403-629-3961	No
Lilly	15	403-719-8282	Yes

Maddy	18	587-888-7298	Yes
Maddy	18	587-888-7298	Yes
Makenzie	18	403-796-7733	Yes
Maria	45	403-818-0560	No
Maxine	13	403-455-8427	Yes
Megan	24	403-861-3718	Yes
Michelle	31	403-923-5111	Yes
Nia	17	403-991-8045	Yes
Salma	38	403-252-5052	Yes
Sam	15	403-287-3740	Yes
Sarah	23	819-679-3059	Yes
Siobhan	22	403-923-9499	No
Sydney	24	403-993-5441	Yes
Yena	19	403-479-7911	Yes

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### South West Communities Resource Centre cont'd

care items to our Neighbours Helping Neighbours program over the holiday season. Such a generous response! Please know that it means a great deal to the individuals and families who receive these items that people in the community care about them.

We are still in need of the following items: diapers sizes new born, 4, 5 and 6; baby shampoo; men's and women's deodorant.

#### SWCRC Volunteer Opportunity: Parenting Group Assistant

SWCRC is expanding its parenting education programming. To support the participation of low income and socially isolated parents, we would like to offer free child care for the parents' young children. As a member of our team of Parenting Group Assistants, you will care for the children by providing a safe, loving and fun environment in which to play, socialize and learn. The time commitment is approximately two and a half hours, 9:30 – noon, either Tuesdays or Thursdays.

It takes a village to raise a child. Your passion for kids, and your desire to contribute your knowledge and experience towards a community effort to optimize children's social, emotional and intellectual development, will inspire you to contact the SWCRC for more information about this important volunteer role. Call 403-238-9222 ext. 222.



### Meadowlark Park Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Meadowlark Park  
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	
December 2015	\$639,900	\$617,500
November 2015	\$0	\$0
October 2015	\$0	\$0
September 2015	\$1,398,000	\$1,385,000
August 2015	\$0	\$0
July 2015	\$789,450	\$759,771
June 2015	\$733,283	\$717,333
May 2015	\$874,900	\$850,000
April 2015	\$739,450	\$707,250
March 2015	\$563,900	\$546,125
February 2015	\$698,000	\$665,000
January 2015	\$0	\$0

### Last 12 Months Meadowlark Park MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
December 2015	2	1
November 2015	2	0
October 2015	0	0
September 2015	0	1
August 2015	2	0
July 2015	2	2
June 2015	2	3
May 2015	3	1
April 2015	2	2
March 2015	3	2
February 2015	3	1
January 2015	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit [meadowlark\\_park.great-news.ca](http://meadowlark_park.great-news.ca)

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