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Non-member rental rate: \$50/hour • Resident member rental rate: \$25/hour • Damage deposit: \$500
Rental inquiries can be made by emailing hallrental@meadowlarkpark.org and stating the date and time you are interested in. You will be contacted within 2 days. If the hall is available for your requested date, you will be asked to complete a rental application form. This will give us the required information for the rental contract. If you aren't familiar with the hall, a time will be set up to show you the hall to ensure it will meet your needs. If it does, the rental contract will be completed and payment of the damage deposit and rental fee arranged. Please note that at least 20 days notice is required for rentals.

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SECRETARY'S CORNER

It is probably a bit odd to bring up winter in the June column about gardening, but the very mild winter we experienced has set the stage for the summer gardening season. We were treated to the earliest and most spectacular flower shrub and tree display in my memory. In a “normal” winter, many of the flower buds are are frost bitten, resulting in few blooms on the branches.

The yellow forsythia and pink cherry shrubs were worthy of a Vancouver spring.

However, it was also one of the driest winters on record, resulting in very low moisture levels in the soil. As of this writing, we have not had a good soaking rain and those of us who do not put magic potions on our lawns are still looking at brown grass...with a bumper crop of dandelions.

That’s my lawn, anyway. In order not to share my golden crop, I have been out with my dandelion tool, plucking them out by the root, making a very satisfying popping sound.

As a result of the dry soil, special attention should be given to our trees, which are at risk should we get an extended hot and dry spell. They should be given a good soaking at least once a week for an hour. This is best done in the later evening after it has cooled down.

We are hoping to have a plant swap and sale later this month, so if you have spare outdoor or indoor plants, consider bringing them to the sale, the place and date to be announced later!

I will be bringing irises and daylilies.

On another subject...I came across a further addition to my inventory of odd sightings in our neighbourhood; a child’s toy pig perched on the roof of someone’s garage, surveying the alley.

I would also like to mention how much I enjoyed seeing an extremely long hopscotch game chalked on the sidewalk. Three cheers for active children!

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Almost summer! Blackfoot District units are busy as bees with activities both inside and out as many units wrap up their Guiding year. Several units attended Calgary Area Rally Day at Camp Jubilee to learn about Guiding across Canada and around the world.

Sparks units are wrapping things up with community clean-ups, family cook-outs, neighbourhood walks and will have some girls "advance" to the next level of Guiding which means they will be joining their Guiding sisters in Brownies in the fall for new challenges.

Brownie units are prepping for camp, year-end BBQs, sleepovers at Telus SPARK and walks in Fish Creek Park. Some girls will advance to new adventures with the Guides in the fall.

Guide units attended Guide Camp Skills event at Camp Jubilee, are prepping for tent camp and travel. Third year Guides are finishing work on their Lady Baden Powell Award and some will be advancing to Pathfinders.

Pathfinder, Ranger and Trex units went to 4Cats studio to splatter paint, attended the Calgary Area geocaching event, went to the opera and made terrariums. Some units are getting ready for a backpacking weekend, tent camp, an outing to Jubilations and travel as well as attending the national camp Guiding Mosaic being held right here in Alberta.

The communities within Blackfoot District are:

Acadia	Elboya	Meadowlark Park
Britannia	Erlton	Mission
Bel-Aire	Fairview	Parkhill
Beltline	Haysboro	Ramsay
Canyon Meadows	Highfield	Rideau
Chinook Park	Inglewood	Roxboro
Connaught	Kelvin Grove	Southwood
Downtown East Village	Kingsland	Stanley Park
Downtown West	Manchester	Victoria Park
Eagle Ridge	Mapleridge	Willowpark
Elbow Park	Mayfair	Windsor Park

If you live in one of these communities we can find a unit near you!

Registration for September is now open for everyone! Girl Guides of Canada has moved to on-line registration. Simply go to www.register.girlguides.ca/OnlineReg or call

1-800-565-8111 for information on a unit near you.

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It has been a busy couple of months in the Legislature and like many of you I'm looking forward to a busy summer of festivals, outdoor activities and family time. I am excited to be back in the constituency and meeting with residents and community groups.

As summer approaches we need to consider how we can safeguard our property while many of us travel away from home. The Calgary Police Service suggests some simple practices, including locking your doors, removing valuable from vehicles, trimming shrubs and maintaining property, using motion detection lights and keeping an eye out for one another. Get to know your neighbours and have them take in your mail and mow your lawn while you're out of town.

Data recently released by the Calgary Police Service (CPS) shows break-ins are on the rise in Calgary, with four of the top five communities located here in Calgary-Elbow. A number of factors account for this city wide 56% increase from last year, including the economic downturn and increased addiction to fentanyl.

Visit our new website at www.calgaryelbow.ca to find a link to more details on Calgary crime statistics or you contact my office at calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca to find out more.

CPS encourages us to report all crimes, so they can track trends. It is through the use of these statistics that police resources are deployed. But not every incident requires we phone 9-1-1. So who should we call, and when?

Call 9-1-1 when you believe someone is in immediate danger, or you are witnessing a violent or criminal act. These types of incidents may include house break and enter, vehicle theft, or domestic violence.

The CPS non-emergency number, 403-266-1234, should be called when you believe the police should be engaged but there are no immediate threats to safety. These are lower priority calls that the police will

respond to at a later time. These crimes may include phone scams, damage to property, a drug tip, or theft from a vehicle. You can also report these crimes using the CPS website at www.calgary.ca/cps and clicking on 'Report a Crime Online'.

3-1-1 Calgary is a single point of contact for City of Calgary non-emergency services. The service can be reached by dialing 3-1-1 or online at www.calgary.ca/311online. Please contact 3-1-1 to report graffiti or bylaw related concerns.

The Federation of Calgary Communities has a great resource centre that offers a wide range of resources on crime prevention, safety, community engagement, and more. Visit them at www.calgarycommunities.com and search 'virtual resource centre' to access the information.

I wish you a relaxing and fun filled summer. I'll be in the constituency until the Legislature sits again in October. Please feel free to stop by the office and say hello. We are located above the Sunterra in Britannia.

Insects and Technology

The Namib Desert's darkling beetle is the inspiration for a new idea to turn morning fog into droplets of water and will have the ability to provide enough water per day for survival of Namib Desert people. The beetle's body has little bumps that repel water, sending the droplets down his back into his mouth.



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In late April I read an article on the CBC’s website speaking to the plight of students in Calgary trying to find summer work. I printed this article to share with the different members of my staff and fellow MPs on Parliament Hill. Let me tell you why.

That first job for a student or youth entering the workforce establishes valuable skillsets and experience, and in some cases are the beginnings of a career. This first chance builds confidence and makes a strong impact on their ability to serve their communities and build the society that we all share and enjoy. Providing these opportunities for success is one of our most important responsibilities.

First of all, investing in youth jobs and opportunities is part of our plan to help the middle class and those seeking to join it. Our investments from Budget 2016 will help support young Canadians, including vulnerable youth, Indigenous Canadians, immigrants, youth with disabilities, single parents, those who have not completed high school and others.

We will help create thousands of new green jobs, more summer employment, participation in the Skills Link program and employment in the heritage sector.

We’ve **doubled** the Canada Summer Jobs Program (from 35,000 jobs to 70,000 for 2016, 2017, and 2018). This program invests in local non-profits, local government, and small businesses to hire youth over the summer months. Places like the Trinity Foundation, Kerby Centre and the YWCA receive grants for hiring these students. This program has a proven track record – employing some 330,000 students since its inception – and supporting local organizations in their work in the community.

This is part of our \$105 million commitment over five years, starting in 2016–17, and \$25 million per year thereafter in support for youth service.

Further to this, our government has created the Prime Minister’s Youth Advisory Council to provide advice on key issues such as employment and education, building stronger communities as well as climate change and clean growth. Oftentimes I’ve found the best policies and ideas come from those you’re seeking to help, and this is one part of this listening to those in our communities.

These are investments in Canada’s future: we’re going to help our youth find jobs and get the best start possible to their careers.

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 at www.KentHehrMP.ca where you can watch clips of yours truly in question period and sign up for my e-newsletter.



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What does it mean to be flood ready? Higher river flows typically occur in Calgary from the middle of May to middle July. However flooding can strike any Calgary community in any season, often with little or no warning. Interestingly this has less to do with spring run-off from the mountains, and more to do with precipitation.

The City has plans in place that guide our response to floods of various sizes. Every event is different and actions leading up to and during a flood depend on the specifics of each event. In general, as a City, we take these actions to mitigate the impact of a flood:

- Manage the flow of water out of the Glenmore reservoir
- Close the gates on storm water outfalls to prevent river water from entering the storm system
- Deploy temporary lift stations to supplement pumping
- Deploy temporary berms, flood tubes or sandbags to critical locations.

Last month, the City of Calgary held two open houses to provide information to residents about on-going 2013 flood recovery efforts. This information is available online if you missed the session at Calgary.ca/flooding, along with resources on preparing yourself and your community in the event of a flood.

Community building in your neighbourhood! June is a busy month for Ward 11 communities. Be sure to check your Community Association for their family-friendly event listings – festivals, bike parades & Neighbour Day events – just to name a few! Community clean-ups are also underway from now until September. They are a great way to meet your neighbours, and take a burden off of your spring clean-out. See the full schedule at Calgary.ca/cleanup.

As mentioned last month, my team and I will host a community information session on **Little Free Libraries** on **Thursday, June 9th at 6:00 pm at the Voltage Creative Garage, 2101 – 34th Avenue SW**. Light refreshments will be provided. We hope to see you there!

Remember to sign up for Ward 11 updates to receive information on upcoming events, City programs, and public engagement opportunities relevant to you at www.ward11calgary.ca.



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