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There are three ways to get involved with Movember and support men’s health:

	WHAT	HOW	WHEN
01 GROW	Grow a Mo, save a Bro	The moustache is our ribbon for men’s health	For the 30 days in the month formerly known as ‘November’
02 MOVE	Get active for men’s health	Raise funds for men’s health while you do something good for your own health	Anytime, anywhere, during the month of November
03 HOST	Throw or go to a Movember event	Any excuse for a good time. Events are a great way to have fun and raise funds for men’s health	Anytime, anywhere, during the month of November



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1st
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Hall Rental Details

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.

	UPPER HALL	LOWER HALL	HOCKEY SHACK LOUNGE (available to resident members only)
Capacity (overall 150 in the entire hall at one time)	Dining & beverage – 105 Non fixed table & chairs – 132 Non fixed chairs - 150 Seated guests - 105	Dining & beverage – 105 Non fixed table & chairs – 150 Non fixed chairs - 150 Seated guests - 126	60
Barrier-Free Access	Yes	No	No
Kitchen	Yes	Yes	Yes

SOCIAL UPDATE



Save the dates!

Christmas Party
Wine Tasting - Adults Only
RSVP is required
social@meadowlarkpark.org

Meadowlark Park Knitting Group

Fall is a perfect time to start knitting – all of those cozy scarves, cowls, hats, scarves, sweaters just waiting to be made! Our knitting group is always open to new members of all skill levels. It's a great opportunity to get to know your neighbours in the community. We meet most Monday evenings at the Hockey Shack lounge at the community hall (entrance faces the hall parking lot).

If you are interested joining us, please email me at christine.franke72@gmail.com or call me at 403-209-2566 to confirm the next date.



Meadowlark Park Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Meadowlark Park
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
September 2016	\$594,400.00	\$555,000.00
August 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
July 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
June 2016	\$1,295,000.00	\$1,295,000.00
May 2016	\$698,000.00	\$657,000.00
April 2016	\$1,290,000.00	\$1,200,000.00
March 2016	\$739,000.00	\$723,000.00
February 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
January 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
December 2015	\$639,900.00	\$617,500.00
November 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00
October 2015	\$0.00	\$0.00

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

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
September 2016	1	2
August 2016	2	0
July 2016	1	0
June 2016	1	1
May 2016	3	3
April 2016	3	1
March 2016	0	1
February 2016	1	0
January 2016	1	0
December 2015	2	1
November 2015	1	0
October 2015	0	0

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

IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

St. Augustine Fine Arts School

Whew... What a spectacular month at St. Augustine Fine Arts School. We are definitely off to a running start as September has come and gone already. We want to express our sincere thank you for all of your support throughout our first month with students in our school. Amazing is the only word to describe the families and students of the school who have been patient, supportive and always willing to lend a hand. Other significant events that have been real highlights around the school this month include: our opening liturgy with Father Jack, our Coffee and Conversation morning and our annual Terry Fox run raising over \$535.00 for cancer research. Our senior and junior volleyball teams are hitting the court and smashing the volleyball on a daily basis in our school gym and we had a great showing of junior high students running on a regular basis for our cross country team.

In addition to the fantastic things happening in the school, the happenings of the classroom are also wonderful. Please enjoy this magical account from our kindergarten classroom:

KINDERGARTEN IS INVESTIGATING...

October brings with it many opportunities to explore the environment inside and outside. We have taken advantage of the warm fall weather to spend time outdoors looking for signs of fall in our school yard. We are using the tools of 'Nature Investigators': magnifying glasses, binoculars, sketchbooks and crayons. We are collecting leaves and branches to compare size, colour and shape attributes. We have been talking about why fall 'happens' and have heard some interesting theories. For instance, does the sun turn or is it the earth that turns? We have this lethargic house fly hanging around the classroom which has been distracting the children. We never miss an opportunity to figure things out and so now we are wondering why this fly has come inside to live at school. The afternoon class has discovered a lady bug nest with hundreds (yes there must be hundreds but we couldn't count that high yet) of ladybugs. What are their plans for the fall and winter? In our learning and exploration we are sure to come up with more wonderings and theories which opens the door for learning more!

Steve Laberge, Principal, St. Augustine Fine Arts School

Ecole St Gerard

Ecole St Gerard is a French Immersion school located in Haysboro, and is the Catholic French Immersion school designated for your community.

SPARK has BLASTED OFF! Friday, October 28th our Spark program will officially have begun. On our launch date, students participated in "Pound Rockout Workout Training. Physical education early in the day to stimulate brain function for higher levels of alertness and concentration.

Important Dates for November:

November 3rd: School Council Meeting at 7pm

November 4th: Photo Retakes

November 10th: Remembrance Day Liturgy

November 14th- 18th: Gail Bartel Artist in Residency

UPCOMING: On Thursday, December 1st at 7pm, come join our students in our Celebration of Learning.

A huge thank-you to our School Council for organizing and executing the Harvest Dance. It was a fun opportunity for our students to dress in their costumes and "run through the halls". Our school is lucky to have such a strong parent community.

Bienvenue!



Daylight Saving Time

Ends Sunday, November 6.

Set your clocks back 1 hour and enjoy the extra sunshine.



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We've heard many questions and comments on different developments happening within our established communities and thought we'd share some information on The City's Planning System. In an effort to help make The City of Calgary's planning and development process both more accessible and clearer to citizens, The City has created a new online mapping tool: the Planning and Development Map (PD Map). You can find it online by entering 'PD Map' into the search bar at www.calgary.ca.

With the PD Map, you can track, contact and provide comments on Land Use redesignation proposals and large-scale development permits. Anyone can follow the progress of the file from submission through to decision by City Council. PD Maps is currently in its first phase; additional features will be added, such as the ability to comment on smaller Development Permits which are discretionary or are requesting relaxations. Here are PD Maps current features:

- Multiple Search Options
 - Find out what is happening in your community, or in the city. Search by address, community, ward or file number. You can also scroll around the map, apply the Google Maps layer, or roll over a file to highlight the area proposed for development.
- Social Media Sharing
 - Share file information on your social media channels to increase community engagement on a file.
- File Status Tracker
 - Follow the status of the application from initial to final submission by City Council. Learn about the process and at what times comments can be submitted.
- Direct Comments and Feedback
 - Your comments on a file go directly to the file manager or City Clerk's, depending on what stage the application is at.
- Accessible Online and by Mobile
- Plain Language Descriptions

PD Maps is also tied to another innovative Planning System project, the Notice Posting Pilot. You can find it online by entering 'Notice Posting Pilot' into the search bar at www.calgary.ca. The City has redesigned Notice Postings (signs) so they are larger, more

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visually appealing, have easily understandable project descriptions, and direct citizens to the PD Map.

These complimentary tools are both intended to increase public participation in the application process. Please contact my office for help with this new tool, or to learn about other tools are at your disposal.

Lastly, remember to subscribe to your Ward 11 update at www.ward11calgary.ca to receive timely updates on projects in your community, and city.



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We Remember

As November 11th approaches, I hope you once again take time to remember those that have sacrificed, those that continue to take on the perilous work of safeguarding Canadian freedoms, and the soldiers who are now representing us abroad as peacekeepers.

It is my honour and pleasure to serve as our nation's Minister of Veterans Affairs. In this role I am entrusted with the mandate to support our veterans – young and old – and in the commemoration of all of Canada's past conflicts.

Just one of the memories that I will be reflecting on this month is the impact of the First World War on Western Canada High School where some 170 Old Boys and 6 Masters had enlisted by 1916. The Calgary Herald estimated some 40% of all the boys who ever attended the college had enlisted and went off to war: and you can see this sacrifice memorialized at the cenotaph today just behind the school. Young men, with their entire futures in front of them, were brought into one of the world's most brutal conflicts and sacrificed themselves our freedoms. It is a story I think of often when I attend ceremonies across this country and serve as Minister of Veterans Affairs.

I invite you to look online on my ministry's website at <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/events> to see what events are in our community.



The poppy is often worn on the left lapel on a jacket or shirt, and as close to the heart as possible.

Now, it has been nearly a year since I was appointed by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as a member of his cabinet. In last year's election campaign we promised Canadians a government that would uphold our sacred obligation to veterans.

In Budget 2016 the Government of Canada put **\$5.6 billion** additional dollars into Veterans Affairs, showcasing a clear commitment to bettering the lives of our nation's heroes.

This year we have announced the re-openings of the nine Veterans Affairs offices closed by the previous government. In addition to reopening these much needed offices – which support veterans across this country – we are also opening an extra office in Surrey, BC, to support the thousands of veterans who live in that city. Above and beyond this we have increased benefits to veterans by increasing the Earning Loss Benefit to 90% from 75%, increased the Disability Award and are on track to hire up to 400 more frontline staff. With increasing benefits and frontline staff we can better support veterans and make sure they transition smoother into civilian life.

It is in this sacred trust I continue to work to better the lives of veterans and keep the promises we made in the 2015 election.

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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BLACKFOOT DISTRICT

Lest We Forget

November is a time when we reflect on the sacrifices our men and women in service made and continue to make fighting for the rights and freedoms of all people. We must never forget.

We would like to thank everyone who supported Guiding by buying a box of our yummy mint chocolate cookies. Cookies help support our many activities throughout the year.

All the units in Blackfoot District came together for a super swim night at Acadia Pool. It was a wild and wet evening of fun and games.

Spark units have been enjoying the good weather by going on nature walks and learning about animals. They have held enrolments, sold cookies, went on scavenger hunts and are making poppies for Remembrance Day.

Brownie units are working on their program, going to camp and doing outside activities. Some held Halloween parties, enrolments and will have a visit from a Girl Guide music trainer.

Guide units went to camp, sold cookies and will be having a fabulous bridging Laser Quest outing. Some girls will be volunteering at Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Jubilee Auditorium,

Pathfinder & Ranger units went to a Stampede's football game, had a campfire in Fish Creek Park, volunteered with the CIBC Run for the Cure, hosted Halloween parties & went to Nite Trek camp.

Guiding is a great place to grow lasting friendships and experience new opportunities. Why not give us a try!

If you have any questions regarding Guiding or registration please call 403-283-8348

Girl Greatness Starts Here!





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From the Legislature

By the time you read this the fall sitting of the Alberta Legislature will have started. I expect a fairly busy agenda of government Bills, including two that have carried over from the spring sitting; Bill 21 - Modernized Municipal Government Act and Bill 22 - An Act to Provide for the Repatriation of Indigenous Peoples' Sacred Ceremonial Objects. You can follow the sittings online at www.assembly.ab.ca.

We are also expecting to amend a number of pieces of legislation including the Whistleblower Protection Act, and possibly the Election Finances and Contribution Disclosure Act, as well as some measures to implement the Investor Tax Credit.

This past year I had the honour of serving on the Select Special Ethics and Accountability Committee, an all-party committee tasked with reviewing the core legislation governing Alberta's democratic institutions. While you may have heard that the committee had some challenges, the fact is we worked well together and passed most recommendations unanimously. The one-year mandate of the committee expired in September but my hope is the committee will be renewed so we can continue our important work.

While most recommendations passed unanimously, some were passed by the ND government majority. Based on feedback I've heard from my constituents in Calgary-Elbow, I will continue to oppose using taxpayer dollars to rebate a 50% of political party expenses.

Education Curriculum Update

The government has also embarked on an ambitious overhaul of Alberta's K-12 curriculum. The new curriculum will be developed in phases; Kindergarten to Grade 4 will be complete by late 2018, Grades 5 to 8 by late 2019 and high school curriculum will be developed in phases from 2020 to 2022. The current curriculum remains in effect until new curriculum is implemented. More information and an opportunity to provide your feedback into the process is available at www.education.alberta.ca.

And as always I would love to hear from you on electoral reform, education curriculum changes or any other issue. You can contact my office any time at (403) 252-0346 or through our website at www.calgaryelbow.ca.

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Let's make sure that no one in our communities go hungry this holiday season.

The holiday season is just around the corner and this year the South West Communities Resource Centre (SWCRC) will be helping local families in 28 communities make it through the stressful time of November and December 2016. Our community resource workers often see local families who require food hampers and help others with resources for basic needs; unfortunately the demand for these services are expected to grow in the weeks to come. We understand that the neighbourhoods in South West Calgary are diverse and there are many who continue to thrive, while others are struggling to pay bills, put food on their tables and meet their basic needs. We need the help of **Neighbours Helping Neighbours**.

This holiday season the SWCRC will focus on the "Celebration of Food" – something that ties families together no matter what your culture is or your family's belief. Food is an extension of all cultures that brings people together and gives us something to share. It encourages conversations. Sadly many families will not have the gift of great food on their plates this year. Budgets for food are the first to slip and food hampers don't provide choice. This year we are asking for YOUR help in providing opportunities for vulnerable families to purchase their own groceries.

For six weeks in November and December 2016 we are asking neighbours to **help by purchasing a Grocery Gift card** for us to give to local families who can use your support. Your donation of \$50.00 will put fresh produce on the table for a family of four. A donation of \$100.00 will provide the dairy and breads with the fresh produce, and 250.00 will allow a family in South West Calgary celebrate a feast with all the trimmings. We ask that you provide a receipt with the card and you will be provided a charitable donation receipt. We are also happy to accept financial contributions which will support many of these families in 2017.

Visit us online at www.swcrc.ca, call the office at 403 238-9222 or drop by our office in the Oakridge Co-Op Plaza.

Thanks for helping to make south west Calgary the best place to live for all residents.



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mail or drop off your completed application to:
Meadowlark Park Community Association, 623 58th Ave SW T2V 0H8
Call or Email Verna Leask – 403-258-3169 or v_leask@shaw.ca

Membership: 1 Year - \$20.00

Name: _____ (please print)

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Payment Enclosed: _____

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.

Thank you for your participation.



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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIRS

4th Annual St. William Christmas Craft Market: 11020 Fairmount Dr SE (across from Southcentre Mall and Trico). Saturday December 3rd 10am – 3pm.

St Gerard's Bazaar: Annual Bazaar and Garage Sale. Saturday, November 19, 2016. 9:00-3:00 pm. St. Gerard's Church. 8944 Elbow Dr. SW.

Auburn Bay Christmas Craft and Marketplace
 Nov. 19, 10am – 4pm. Auburn House, 200 Auburn Bay Blvd SE. For more info visit www.auburnbay-connect.com.

Annual Bow Cliff Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale
 Nov. 26, 10am – 3pm. 3375 Spruce Dr. SW

Bonavista Christmas Craft Fair
 Sat. Nov. 19 – sun. Nov. 20, 11am – 4pm. 1401 Acadia Dr SE. For more info www.lakebonavistacommunity.com.

Arbour Lake Christmas Craft Fair
 Nov. 5, 2016 at 11:00am-3:00pm
 Arbour Lake Residents Hall

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Christmas Bazaar:
 Saturday, November 5th, 10am-2pm.