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OTHER	
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Editorial Content Deadline



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

Reservations will be accommodated to a total maximum hall capacity of 150 people.



Easter Egg Hunt
Plant Exchange
Community Cleanup
Neighbour Day BBQ
Movie-in-the-Park
Community Garage Sale
Halloween Party
Christmas Party

..and hopefully more!

Let's make it the best year yet!

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Karen at:

Social@meadowlarkpark.org or (403)973-3997

IN & AROUND **SCHOOLS**

St. Augustine Fine Arts School

After a well-earned and restful Christmas break, the students of St. Augustine Fine Arts School are rejuvenated and are looking forward to opportunities that 2017 will bring. This month, we have started the basketball season, as the rosters have been finalized for the senior and junior teams. and students have begun to compete against other schools in our area. Our Junior High students are preparing works in Visual Art and performances in Dance and Band to be showcased in the coming months, and our Drama department is beginning to prepare for their spring production. Midterms have also been written this month by our Jr. High students as our elementary classes eagerly prepare for 100 days of school, marking the halfway point of the year.

The month of January is one of great opportunity and new beginnings for our students. It is a time that they can reflect on the past challenges and achievements of the previous year and can be mindful of what goals they would like to achieve in the coming months. For some of our students it will mark an occasion where they will make the decision to focus their ambitions on experiencing success in the classroom. For others it may be a time where they finally decide to try out for a sports team they were always afraid to join. Some students may make efforts to develop new friendships or to strengthen and renew old ones. The New Year offers all of us a second chance in our personal, professional, and academic lives.

The staff of St. Augustine Fine Arts School we would like to wish everyone a wonderful and opportunity filled year in 2017.

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If music be the food of love, play on.

- William Shakespeare

Trivia

Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day, celebrated on February 2, came about because of a German superstition. They thought if a hibernating animal cast a shadow on February 2nd that winter would last for another six weeks. If there was no shadow, spring would come early.



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:	
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Phone Number:	
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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.

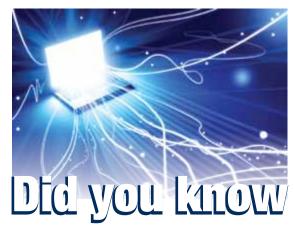
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the Meadowlark Park Community Association website has been updated? Check us out online:

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Guides BLACKFOOT DISTRICT











Happy Thinking Day!

2017 So what is this Thinking Day? World Thinking Day -February 22nd- 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



Valentine's Trivia

Based on retail statistics. about 3 per cent of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.

(World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts) for development of programs in other countries.

Blackfoot District will be hosting a bridging roller skating night at Lloyd's Recreation for all its members. This is an event sure to be filled with spins and thrillscan 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 & the zoo, 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 units will be winter camping, snowshoeing, making birthday boxes for the food bank and will be attending STEM Day at U of C.

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 ggcinfo@calgarygirlguides.com.

Girl Greatness Starts Here

IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

St. Gerard School

Happy New Year! I would like to welcome you all back as we kick off 2017. We hope that everyone had a joyous and wonderful Christmas and school break.

Thank you for your support of Mission Mexico and St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper program! Although December can be a challenging time for all of us as we budget for gifts, juggle time, decorate spaces, and welcome relatives while working no less, through it all, our school community was able to generously support Mission Mexico as well as several families with Christmas Hampers of gifts. Merci!

Kind regards, Christian Harries | Principal

Important Dates:

Classes resume; SPARK (daily physical January 9th:

movement program) Presentation; Healthy Hunger special lunch

January 11th: Sammy's Pizza Lunch

January 12th: Grade 6 Field YouthLink

January 16th: Healthy Hunger special lunch

January 17th: Grade 6 Criminal Justice Presentation

Jan 19th-20th: Grade 6 Canada Olympic Park January 23rd: Healthy Hunger special lunch

January 23rd-25th: Alien In-Line Skating K-2

January 27th: PD Day



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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.



Trivia

At the end of the Beatles' song "A Day in the Life", an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, was recorded by Paul McCartney for his Shetland sheepdog.



in McDougall United Church

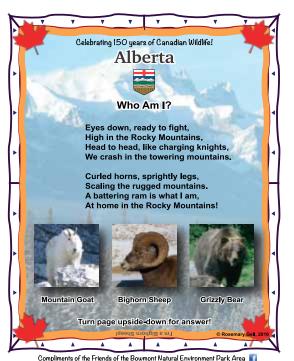
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Artisans in guilting, knitting, crocheting, card making and cross-stitching meet to learn and practice their art in a community setting; no experience required: come and learn from instructors, obtain advice, but mostly enjoy the company of women across the ages, make friends and have a personal time-out!

Wednesday mornings, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., next session January 4th to March 22nd.

Registration preferred, but drop in is available, babysitting supplied. Please contact Lori at McDougall United Church 403-252-1620.









February 3 First Quarter (waxing)

Moonlight is strong, encouraging leaf growth. It is a good time for planting, especially two days before the full moon. Take cuttings from plants you wish to propagate. Fertilize as close to the full moon as pos-

Full Moon (waning) February 10

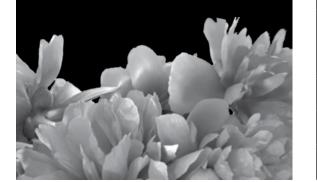
As the moon wanes, the energy is drawing down Strong gravitational pull but moonlight is decreasing putting energy into the roots.

February 18 Last Quarter (waning)

Decreased gravitational pull and moonlight. A resting period. Take cuttings from plants you wish to propagate. Dry herbs, flowers and fruit. If you want to control growth or encourage rooting, perform the necessary activities during the waning moon.

February 26 New Moon (waxing)

Increasing moonlight, lunar gravity pulls water up encouraging plant growth and proliferation. Grafting, transplanting, re-potting, and watering. Gather herbs used for essential oils. Oil content is more concentrated at this time.



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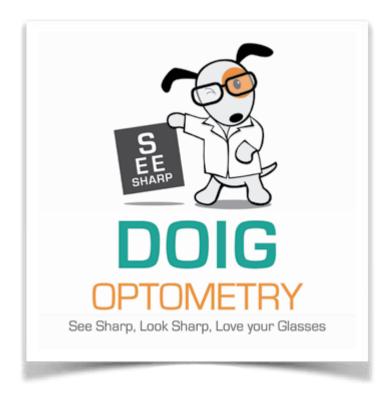
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CBE Legacy Award | Manmeet Singh Bhullar

The Calgary Board of Education Board of Trustees presented the CBE Legacy Award posthumously to Manmeet Singh Bhullar on Nov. 29, 2017. The CBE Legacy Award celebrates public education in Calgary and the individuals who have contributed to our communities. In every corner of the city, across the country and beyond, our alumni have made a lasting impact.

Manmeet Bhullar attended Chief Justice Milvain School and Annie Gale School and graduated from Lester B. Pearson High School. During his time as a student, Manmeet was an active member of his school communities and an enthusiastic student athlete.

Elected MLA for the northeast constituency of Calgary-Montrose in 2008, he was the youngest member to be elected to Alberta's 27th legislature.

Between 2008 and 2015, Manmeet served in a number of different roles, including parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, parliamentary assistant to Municipal Affairs, Minister of Service Alberta, Minister of Human Services and Minister of Infrastructure.

He was a passionate advocate for youth, justice and education. In a speech given in 2008, Bhullar said, "I want to inspire young people in my constituency. I want to inspire a generation of young people, and if I can inspire just one of them to get a postsecondary education, I will have done my job."

Earlier this year, the CBE announced that the new school under construction in Martindale would be named in Bhullar's honor.

Manmeet Bhullar served our communities with his energy, his passion and his whole heart. He modeled for our students one of the four CBE Results - Citizenship. Our students are able to see how their hard work and commitment can make true changes to our society. It is no doubt that he continues to be an inspiration for politicians and citizens alike. Manmeet Bhullar left a true Legacy, and he is truly missed.

For more information about the Legacy Award or to nominate someone, please visit the CBE website at cbe.ab.ca.

You can contact the Board of Trustees at boardoftrustees@ cbe.ab.ca.

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February Is Heart Month

Do you know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and what to do if someone experiences these? Knowing can make the difference between life and death. Recognizing and responding immediately to the warning signs of a potential heart attack can significantly improve survival and recovery.

February is Heart Month - take the time to be heart safe and learn how you can reduce your risk.

Know the signs of a heart attack

(Any, or all, of these signs & symptoms may occur)

- · Chest discomfort described as crushing, squeezing, pressure, or heaviness;
- Discomfort that moves beyond the chest, such as the shoulder, arm, neck, or jaw;
- Shortness of breath, sweating, or nausea and vomiting.

Reduce your risk

Heart attack risk factors include:

- Obesity*
- Sedentary lifestyle*
- Smoking*
- · High cholesterol*
- Age / gender
- Family history

Speak with your doctor about how to treat your modifiable (*) risk factors and learn to be heart safe.

What to do when seconds count

- Call 9-1-1 immediately. Early treatment can greatly reduce heart damage and make the difference of life and death:
- Treatment starts the moment EMS arrives. Paramedics can provide oxygen, start an intravenous and perform an electrocardiogram (ECG);
- · Paramedics can also administer important medication(s) in the early minutes of a heart attack to lessen heart damage;
- During transport, EMS will share information with the hospital, so definitive treatment can begin immediately upon arrival;
- Take a CPR/AED (automated external defibrillator) course. Training is widely available from many reputable organizations. It's easy, inexpensive, and only takes a few hours.



Meadowlark Park Real Estate Update Last 12 Months Meadowlark Park MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2016	\$746,900	\$735,000
November 2016	\$726,500	\$660,000
October 2016	\$0	\$0
September 2016	\$594,400	\$555,000
August 2016	\$0	\$0
July 2016	\$0	\$0
June 2016	\$1,295,000	\$1,295,000
May 2016	\$698,000	\$657,000
April 2016	\$1,290,000	\$1,200,000
March 2016	\$739,000	\$723,000
February 2016	\$0	\$0

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

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
December 2016	0	2
November 2016	6	2
October 2016	1	0
September 2016	1	2
August 2016	1	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

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit meadowlark_park.great-news.ca



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Combating Homelessness

On average, there are some 3,000 people who are homeless every night in our city. Homelessness is a reality for too many Canadians and a challenge for every Canadian community. Our government believes that all Canadians deserve access to affordable housing that meets their needs.

It's why my colleague in cabinet, Minister Jean-Yves Duclos, committed to creating a National Housing Strategy. Last year he released a report on the initial stages of this strategy - the result of consultations with non-profits, front-line workers, Canadians, and experts in the field. You can read more on the strategy at his website, www.LetsTalkHousing.ca.

Closer to home, it was my honour to be able to announce \$1.8 million to the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness. This grant will be used by this local, Calgary-based organization to train workers in 42 communities across Canada in the Housing First program. It's one part of the plan to work on this important file.

In the last decade there has been a growing gap in what we've done for Canadians struggling with homelessness.

One such example is the terms and conditions of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy that have not evolved at the same pace as need since 1999. Budget 2016 invested an additional \$111.8 million in the Strategy to help homeless Canadians find stable housing. This investment will provide more resources to tackle homelessness, and increase support for vulnerable groups.

Fundamentally, this government intends on reestablishing federal leadership in housing. The federal government is taking steps to create better housing outcomes for all Canadians. To give Canadians greater access to affordable housing, Budget 2016 increased the Government's investment in affordable housing by \$ 2.3 billion over two years. This funding is in addition to annual federal investments of close to \$2.3 billion

toward pre-existing housing program commitments – creating critical, long-term investments that will better our country moving forward.

In addition, our National Housing Strategy, which will cover the entire housing continuum, including homelessness, will be launching in 2017. The strategy will provide stakeholders with an inclusive long term framework which will ensure stability and predictability for our housing partners. Again, I invite you to give a gander at www.LetsTalkHousing.ca as Minister Duclos continues in his good work.

We believe that there is a role for government and one that is active in supporting Canadians. I am proud of the work of our government and am inspired by the tireless dedication that non-profits, non-profit staff, and regular Canadians put into making our country a better place for all.

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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- ◆ Free announcements: lost/found, household items for sale, wanted, garage sale, student/senior services, etc.
- ♦ Forty word limit

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Calgary ing Arts Festival seeks volunteers for the 2017 Festival, April 18 to May 6 at Mount Royal University. Positions are available mornings, afternoons, evenings and Saturdays. For more information contact Holly at 403-283-6009 or volunteer@cpafestival.ca.





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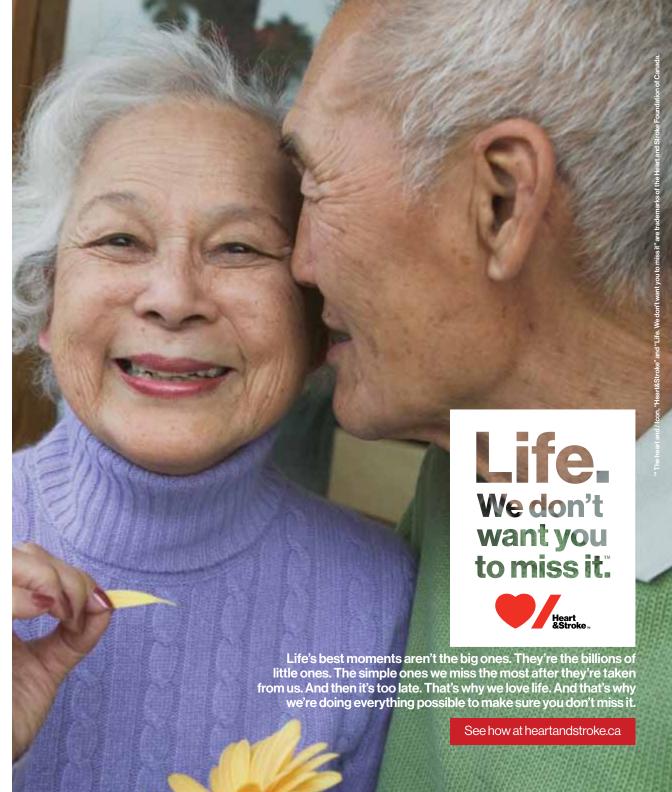


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Calgarians and Albertans alike have been waiting for this announcement for a long time. After a decade of inaction, we are finally seeing progress on this file thanks to the leadership of our Prime Minister and my cabinet colleagues. **We are moving forward** on Canada's energy future.

 Kent Hehr, MP Calgary Centre

Below is what we are doing to make sure we bring both the environment and our economy together.

Read more about Canada's Pipeline Plan at www.KentHehrMP.ca/pipelines.

- Investing \$1.5 Billion into a world-leading Oceans Protection Plan to protect our coasts, rather than cut ocean science and monitoring programs like the previous government.
- > Reforming the NEB to ensure that it reflects regional views and has sufficient expertise in relevant fields like environmental sciences, community development, and traditional Indigenous knowledge.
- Implementing a price on carbon pollution — like the one supported by Preston Manning and others — to not only create a vibrant innovation economy but to reduce harmful carbon pollution.



An update from Kent Hehr, your Member of Parliament for Calgary Centre www.KentHehrMP.ca | 403.244.1880 | kent.hehr@parl.gc.ca 950 6th Avenue SW. Calgary. Alberta. T2P 1E4