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# COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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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.

Thank you for your participation.

# SOCIAL UPDATE

**Winter Festival -TBD**

*Meadowlark Park needs residents like you to help with planning these 2017 Social Events!*

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Karen at: [Social@meadowlarkpark.org](mailto:Social@meadowlarkpark.org)

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Alberta Health Care	403-310-0000
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ATCO Gas – 24 Hour Emergency	403-245-7222
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Calgary Police – Non Emergency	403-266-1234
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Child Abuse Hotline	1-800-387-5437
Kids Help Line	1-800-668-6868
Child Safe Canada	403-202-5900
Distress/Crisis Line	403-266-4357
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Rockyview General Hospital	403-943-3000
Sheldon M. Chumir Health Centre	403-955-6200
South Calgary Urgent Care Health Centre	403-943-9300
South Health Campus	403-956-1111
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SeniorConnect	403-266-6200
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City of Calgary	311
Social Service Info & Referral	211
Community Mediation Calgary Society	403-269-2707
RNR Lockworks Ltd.	403-479-6161
Road Conditions – Calgary	
Weather Information	511
Gamblers Anonymous	403-237-0654

YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS  
AT A GLANCE...

**International Christmas Market – Spruce Meadows, Dec 1 - 3**  
This final weekend of the International Christmas Market invites you to take in over 250 vendors in the indoor comfort of Spruce Meadows. Take in the lively, festive atmosphere while crossing those last few gifts off of your list. Live entertainment, dining, choirs, and much more. More info: sprucemeadows.com.

**Boy film screening – Esker Foundation, Dec. 7**  
Boy is a dreamer who loves Michael Jackson. Boy’s other hero, his father Alamein, is the subject of Boy’s fantasies, and he imagines him as a hero and a close relation of Michael Jackson. In reality Alamein is an inept, wannabe gangster who has been in jail for robbery. When his father returns home, Boy is forced to Sidewalk Citizen will be providing complimentary treats for this screening. Dir. Taika Waititi, 2010, 87 mins. Event is free, registration essential. www.eventbrite.ca/e/boy-registration-37158757845?aff=es2.

**A Cowtown Christmas by Cowtown Opera Company – Central United Church, Dec. 9**  
Do you hear what I hear? It’s your annual get-together with your opera-singing relatives! This year dress in your pajamas and most festive onesie receives a prize. Baby, it’s cold outside and Cowtown is the musical equivalent of a warm cup of cocoa. You’ll laugh, sigh, and sing-along (of course!) to your favourite Christmas tunes. Hosted by Calgary’s beloved Heebie-Jeebees, and featuring Calgary’s top musical talent, come celebrate the most wonderful time of the year. More info: cowtownoperacompany.com.

**The Brick Teddy Bear Toss – Scotiabank Saddledome, Dec. 10**  
The annual Teddy Bear Toss is hosted by the Calgary Hitmen in support of children in need in Calgary. Bring a teddy bear or plush toy of your choice and at the end of the first period all in attendance will toss their toys onto the ice. Last year almost 24,000 toys were collected to put under trees all over the city. This year the hitmen will square off against the Moose Jaw Warriors. Tickets and info: hitmenhockey.com/teddy-bear-toss.

**THE SANTALAND DIARIES – LUNCHBOX THEATRE, NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 23**  
This is one elf that won’t make the nice list. His name is Crumpet and he’ll tell you the truth about Santaland. An out of work and broke actor in New York city takes a job as an elf in Macy’s Santaland Village. The behind-the-scenes reality of holiday cheer is not the blissful peppermint dream that he had imagined. Based on David Sedaris’ hilarious book chronicling his outlandish experience working as an elf in a Macy’s Santaland, The Santaland Diaries is a one-man riff on one elf’s truly odd encounters with his fellow man. More info: lunchboxtheatre.com/the-santaland-diaries/



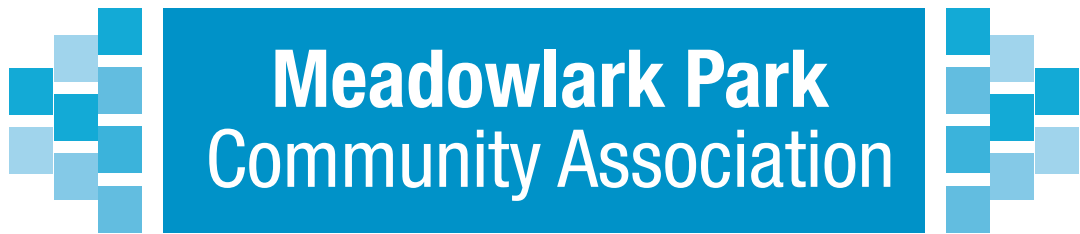
**TREES WITH TEA – YYC BEESWAX HQ, DECEMBER 5**  
Join us for a fun evening of candle making fun! We’ll have hot tea for you to enjoy as you learn about bees and beeswax. After that, we’ll celebrate the season by making some adorable beeswax tree candles. This is a perfect workshop for kids to make Christmas gifts! Instruction and all materials are included. More info: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/trees-with-tea-tickets-3625547811?aff=es2.



**A CHRISTMAS TALE CARRIAGE HOUSE INN, DECEMBER 17**  
An incredible event for the whole family in Calgary! Beautiful, full of fun and magic Christmas show with Santa will take you into the world of music and dance. Magic tricks and games with Santa and his friends will provide you and your family with an unforgettable experience of the Christmas spirit and fill your holidays with joy. Children under 2 years old are free. More info: artstarcreations.net/category/news/.



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# Meadowlark Park Community Association

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## Hall Rental Details

**Non-member rental rate: \$55/hour • Resident member rental rate: \$40/hour • Damage deposit: \$500**

Rental inquiries can be made by emailing [hallrental@meadowlarkpark.org](mailto: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.**



## Did you know

The Meadowlark Park Community Association website has been updated? Check us out online:  
**[www.meadowlarkpark.org](http://www.meadowlarkpark.org)**

## MPCA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As a valued community partner, you are invited to join the This is My Neighbourhood - Meadowlark Park advisory committee.

A little bit about "This is My Neighbourhood" (TIMN)

This is my neighbourhood aims to transform how The City of Calgary works in neighbourhoods. Through the engagement of local residents, community associations, non-profit organizations and businesses, we'll work with you to develop a neighbourhood vision that outlines your future aspirations.

Guided by this vision, The City will work with you to create and deliver initiatives which may include small-scale infrastructure improvements, programs and services that will help your neighbourhood be an even better place to live, work and play.

TIMN began in 2015 with a group of 14 inaugural neighbourhoods. As part of the TIMN program, The City partnered with the first group of neighbourhoods to deliver more than 100 programs, services and small scale projects requested by residents. More information can be found on [Calgary.ca](http://Calgary.ca)

### TIMN Engagement

As part of the TIMN initiative, The City of Calgary plans to collect feedback from residents online and in person at a variety of events, throughout the year in the neighbourhood.

We will be asking residents to give their ideas about the neighbourhood vision what is most important in Meadowlark Park.

### TIMN Advisory Committee expectations:

- Be a champion of This is my neighbourhood within Meadowlark Park: be creative, share the process with your neighbourhood and learn about your neighbour's ideas for Meadowlark Park.
- Commit to the engagement process with the neighbourhood and stay involved in the program until implementation of the initiatives through 2018.

### Potential Meeting Schedule

Meeting 1: February – Introduction to the TIMN neighbourhood Advisory Committee/community asset mapping. COMPLETE (with the Community Association

Board)! The asset map will be a 'living document' and updated as required.

Meeting 2: September/October – Meet new group members and give your input into the neighbourhood vision.

Meeting 3: late November – Review the results of the community engagement, recommend a neighbourhood vision.

Meeting 4: December - Neighbourhood tour to discuss potential initiatives.

Meeting 5: January 2018 – Provide input on the list of potential initiatives to start the creative community initiative engagement process.

Meeting 6: March 2018 – Presentation of approved initiatives. Provide specific implementation input, if needed.

Meeting 7: Once initiatives are completed/near completion – Celebration of initiatives.

This is not an exhaustive list of the meeting dates as there could be more added based on the initiatives selected by the neighbourhood or some work may be done over email.

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If you would like to be involved or would like more information please contact:

*Jenna Findlater – [jenna.findlater@calgary.ca](mailto:jenna.findlater@calgary.ca)*

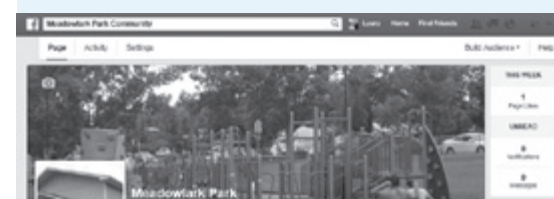
*Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator, The City of Calgary*

You know your neighbourhood best and we would like to hear about it!



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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.

Spark units have been going on nature walks and learning about animals. They have held enrolments, sold cookies, went on scavenger hunts, learned about healthy lifestyles and are making poppies for Remembrance Day.

Brownie units are working on their program, going to camp and learning about Canada 150. 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 and the Military Museums.

Pathfinder & Ranger units had a campfire in Fish Creek Park, volunteered with the CIBC Run for the Cure, volunteered at community Halloween parties, went to Nite Trek camp and will be having a bridging Laser Quest outing.

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

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## REMEMBRANCE

Canada observes the tradition of Remembrance Day on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Other nations observe a solemn day but at different dates. For example, ANZAC Day is observed in New Zealand on April 25. In South Africa, Poppy Day is marked on the Sunday that falls closest to November 11.



## SCHOOL SHOUT-OUTS

### St. Augustine Fine Arts School

It is hard to believe that October is behind us already. Last month was a flurry of activity and there is so much to celebrate including our Thanksgiving liturgy, Orange Shirt Day, the civic election, Family Dance, and our costume dress-up day. In November, we look forward to our Remembrance Day Celebration on November 10th, progress reports and the upcoming interviews.

The entire school community wishes to express our sincerest appreciation to all of the parents and student for their spirit of giving this past month. During our recent Terry Fox run, students managed to raise over \$650 for cancer research. This exceeded our previous year fundraising by almost \$100 dollars. Equally successful was our recent Thanksgiving Weigh-Off and Food Drive where students literally collected a "ton of food" for our own St. Anthony's Parish. Similarly, parents donated many of the vegetables that they ordered during our recent Farm to Table fundraiser to the Calgary Food Bank. The generosity of this community knows no limits.

On a final note, we are so proud of our Junior and Senior volleyball teams this year! All teams showed strength, agility and a great deal of skill on the courts this year. Continue to do your best and to make St. Augustine School community proud. Go Angels go!

*Steve Laberge*  
Principal, St. Augustine Fine Arts School

### St. Gerard School

As usual, September and October came and went with dizzying speed. They're not always easy months for parents and teachers alike, from adapting to changes in their personal and family lives in light of school obligations and after-school activities, to getting to know new staff members and routines tied to the advent of another school year. Prayerfulness is an important aspect of the lives of Catholic educators, and in practice, we are mindful of the district's new faith theme "Ask, and it will be given you" (Matthew 7:7) as we bridge those who are suffering or in need through prayerful action and intent.

We started the year with 121 students, which is terrific news for us as this means that we have increased in student numbers over last year! We have class sizes that remain relatively small, from 17 to 24 students in Kindergarten to Grade 6, and a staff that has remained stable. Our newest addition, Mme. Boutette, the grade 4 teacher, was met with enthusiasm from the community, and she has proven to be a kind and considerate teacher who has

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After a busy summer spent here in Calgary-Elbow and around the province, I returned to the Legislature at the end of October. We have a full agenda this fall addressing issues that will impact Alberta employees, business owners, parents and students. Also, by the time you read this the final report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission should be out, and we'll be finalizing the updated electoral map in this fall's sitting as well.

The provincial government's consultations on proposed changes to Alberta's Occupational Health and Safety legislation wrapped up mid-October. I expect we'll see an update to this legislation, and I'll be keeping a close eye out to ensure that the changes genuinely improve worker safety while not unduly adding to the cost of doing business. I've heard from many business owners in Calgary-Elbow and beyond who are concerned about the cumulative impact of the changes the government has made in many areas, and I want to ensure Alberta remains safe for workers and is also a great place to do business.

The Minister of Education is also expected to bring changes to the School Act. I will push for clarity on school fees, in particular those relating to transportation for students in alternative programs like French Immersion. I've heard from many parents concerned about the recent changes to bussing and bell times and I will be sure to raise these in the debate on the School Act.

In addition to my work on the floor of the Legislature, I am continuing work on the Child Intervention Panel. The panel will move from consultation to deliberations on how we can improve Alberta's child welfare system, focusing on how to address the over-representation of indigenous children in care. These discussions will continue through the fall and our recommendations will be released early in 2018.

If this fall is anything like the past Legislative sessions there will also be a few surprises, and I'm always interested in hearing from you on anything going on in the Legislature or here at home. Feel free to contact my constituency office at 403-252-0346 or Calgary.Elbow@assembly.ab.ca any time.

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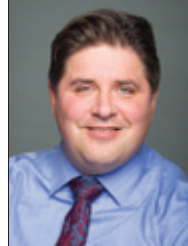
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## SCHOOL SHOUT-OUTS

### St. Gerard School cont'd

shaped her classroom into a group of focused and engaged learners. Mme. Moody returned from maternity leave and picked up from where she left off in creating a positive impact in the lives of young children in Kindergarten.

School Council hosted the school's first Spell-a-thon in October as the main fundraiser for the year. While the purpose of any fundraiser is to support school special events and activities that benefit students, the Spell-a-thon's academic application supported the classroom in reinforcement of high-utility words while mindful to not create undue stress and anxiety for struggling spellers and for families with monetary constraints. Thank you to those who were able to support the school through this fundraiser! Next month we will update with how much money the students and families raised!



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You may have heard I was recently named Canada's Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities. The role allows me to:

- Continue to bring the needs of all Calgary Centre residents to the Cabinet table
- Promote healthier Canadians through sport and recreation
- Ensure greater accessibility and opportunities for Canadians with disabilities

The role combines two important aspects of my life, from my younger days loving swimming and baseball to the disability I acquired at age 21.

Growing up, my family and I took part in everything Calgary had to offer. By 1991, I was attending Mount Royal College and planning to become a phys-ed teacher. I played college hockey, worked part-time and had a busy social life.

Then I lost it all. I became a C-5 quadriplegic. Suddenly it was just me and my family, with no sense of direction.

One in seven Canadians has a disability. By age 75, it's one in two. People with a disability are more likely to be unemployed, divorced, or homeless. In all of Calgary, there are only 400 fully accessible rental suites.

It's tough. And, it's expensive.

That's part of why we made historic new investments in affordable housing. That why we brought in the Canada Child Benefit, putting more money in the pockets of nine out of ten families, and helping lift hundreds of thousands of kids out of poverty. That's why we're investing in public transit, including \$1.5 billion for the Calgary Green Line – which will incorporate accessibility.

Whether you have a disability, whether you're born into a wealthy family or one that struggles, our government wants you to have the opportunity to succeed.

#### PS: I hope to see you at my Holiday Open House:

December 16, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
1133 7 Ave. SW (Kerby Centre)  
Register at [www.KentHehrMP.ca](http://www.KentHehrMP.ca)

## Meadowlark Park Knitting Group



It 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](mailto:christine.franke72@gmail.com) or call me at 403-209-2566 to confirm the next date.



McDougall United Church, 8516 Athabasca Street S.E.

(No religious content, non-denominational)

Artisans in quilting, knitting, crocheting, card making, as well as a "do-as-you-wish" table meet to learn and practice their art in a community setting. No experience is 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., our current session is April 5 to June 21. Our fall session will start Wednesday, September 6 and finish November 29. Registration is preferred, but drop in is available, babysitting supplied. Please contact Lori at McDougall United Church 403-252-1620.



## Meadowlark Park Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Meadowlark Park  
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
September 2017	\$0	\$0
August 2017	\$0	\$0
July 2017	\$0	\$0
June 2017	\$587,500	\$567,650
May 2017	\$641,950	\$617,500
April 2017	\$806,950	\$804,950
March 2017	\$738,950	\$734,500
February 2017	\$550,000	\$500,000
January 2017	\$659,900	\$643,000
December 2016	\$746,900	\$735,000
November 2016	\$726,500	\$660,000
October 2016	\$0	\$0

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

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
September 2017	1	0
August 2017	1	0
July 2017	0	0
June 2017	0	2
May 2017	3	2
April 2017	3	2
March 2017	5	2
February 2017	2	1
January 2017	3	2
December 2016	0	2
November 2016	5	2
October 2016	1	0

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