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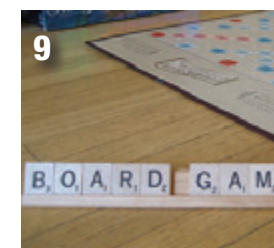
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Please provide two or more exact dates and times, in order of preference. Please also indicate what your intended use will be. Zahra will let you know about available dates, and once agreed, she will confirm the hall reservation back to you, and payment will be due within 10 days of confirmation.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 22. Details will be forthcoming in the January newsletter. Our AGMs are always great as we celebrate our accomplishments and the people who help make them happen. We thank everyone who helped make the last year so successful.

Time to Renew your Membership

In 2013 we introduced the new plastic membership card. We do not reissue new cards for renewals but provide a new expiry date sticker. You can use your card for the Membership Affinity Program through which you can get discounts from local merchants. Details on this program are elsewhere in this newsletter. There is a membership form in this newsletter, which you can use to renew your membership or buy your new membership. Thank you all for your support.

Board Game Night

Our board game night on October 14 attracted the largest group of people we have ever had attend this event. We had to set up more tables and chairs to accommodate the crowd. There were many different games played during the evening. This is a very inexpensive evening: people just bring a game and a snack to share. Inexpensive beverages are available for purchase, so it makes for a fun evening for all who attend. Why not join us? The next one is Saturday, January 27 at 7 pm.

Slow Down in Development Permits

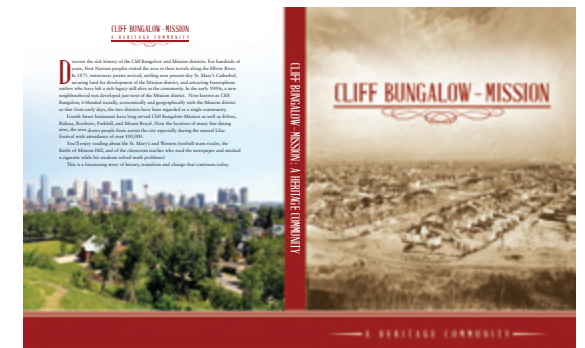
We have noticed that there has been a slow down in Development Permit applications that are circulated to the community for review and comments. All Development Permit applications in our community are circulated to the community association. The Planning and Development Committee holds monthly meetings to review Development Permit and Change of Use applications. We then send in our comments to the City for consideration before approving these applications. A couple of recent meetings have been cancelled, as there were no new applications to review. We are not sure why there has been a slow down.

Even with the decrease in the number of Development Permit applications this year, we have reviewed and commented on a couple of large projects on either side of 1st Street SW between 17th and 18th Avenues in

front of the St Mary's Cathedral. Another large proposed project is at the former Peking Dragon location at 4th Street and 19th Avenue SW. We are also following developments with the pending land use application for the 300 block of 25th Avenue SW. We are probably still busier than most communities in Calgary.

Best Wishes

December is a time of celebration for many people as they gather with family and friends. We wish you all the best and look forward to another good year in 2018 in our community. We will be celebrating 40 years as an incorporated community association on November 29, 2018.



Cliff Bungalow – Mission A Heritage Community

2016 Lion Award Winner!

The second printing of "Cliff Bungalow – Mission, a Heritage Community" is available for purchase. It is a beautiful book, easy to read with lots of interesting photographs and maps. Cost is \$30. It makes a great keepsake and wonderful gift. Contact Judith at cbmca.historybook@gmail.com.

The book is available at all community events at the community centre (cash or cheque only). Books also may be available at Shelf Life Books (1302 – 4 Street SW), the shop at the Glenbow Museum and Owl's Nest Books (815 – 49 Avenue SW). Their price will include their mark-up.

The Mission Statement

The views expressed by contributors to the *Mission Statement* are not necessarily those of the CBMCA board or its associates.

Contact us

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Look for us on Facebook, not to mention Twitter and Instagram (CBM_CA)!

We value your contributions

The *Mission Statement* exists to facilitate communication among residents of Cliff Bungalow-Mission. We welcome your story ideas, articles, letters, announcements and photos. Submissions may be emailed to cbmca.editor@gmail.com in .doc, .pdf or .jpg formats. You may also mail (or drop off) your submission to us at the UPS Store: 482, 1811 4 Street SW, Calgary T2S 1W2. Please put *Mission Statement* on the envelope and be sure to include your name, address and telephone number.

The CBMCA reserves the right to edit submissions for accurate content, consistency and length. All photographs require the name of the photographer and credit for the image, along with the names of the individuals within. Permission to publish the photograph or image is required. We do not guarantee the publication of all submissions.



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All events are at the Cliff Bungalow – Mission Community Centre (2201 Cliff St SW) unless otherwise noted.

Jazz Concerts

Featuring talented local artists playing in our historic venue. Discount for CBMCA members.

- December 6 - Percussionist Robin Tufts and guests
- January 3 - Pianist Michelle Grégoire and her group

Doors open at 7:30 pm, music starts at 8 pm. We suggest you come early, get a good seat and enjoy a beverage.

Potlucks

Bring something to share and meet your neighbours. Good food and great conversation.

- December potluck is Sunday, December 5, 6 pm.
- January potluck is Sunday, January 14, 6 pm.

Board Game Nights

No board game night in December. January board game night is Saturday, January 27, 7 pm. Bring a Board game and some snacks. Cash bar. No entry charge.

Movie Night

TBA. These are now periodic events due to cost and regulatory complexity.

History Book Sales

Copies of our award-winning community history book "Cliff Bungalow – Mission, a Heritage Community" can be obtained at all community events at the community centre. This book would make a great gift for special occasions. \$30 per copy, cash or cheque.

Check out our website regularly for new events and other information not available at time of newsletter publishing.

www.cliffbungalowmission.com

Deadline for Mission Statement submissions

First of each month prior to month of publication. The Mission Statement is published monthly. E-mail to cbmca.editor@gmail.com.

CLIFF BUNGALOW - MISSION



JOIN US

COMMUNITY POTLUCK DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 6 PM
COMMUNITY HALL
2201 CLIFF ST. SW

Come with friends & family and bring a dish to share with your neighbours.

For more info: cbmca.socialevents@gmail.com



Board Game Night 7 pm, Sat. Jan 27

Cliff Bungalow – Mission Community Centre
2201 Cliff Street SW

Bring your favourite board game
if you have one and a snack

No entry fee

Beverages available for cash purchase



Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers

by Suzanne de Courville Nicol

On October 24, 2017, M. Kenneth D. LaPointe and M. Dany Côté were both awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. A national honour, the medal recognizes the time, compassion and commitment that Canadian volunteers offer to a wide range of community organizations. The awards were presented by the Honourable Lois E. Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta.

The Bureau de visibilité de Calgary was proud to nominate both Mr. Kenneth D. LaPointe, author of an educational power-point presentation with accompanying publication of *"Rouleauville, Calgary's French Connection"* a living legacy, and M. Dany Côté, vice-président, Bureau de Visibilité de Calgary & SPFC/SFHC Société pour le Patrimoine Francophone de Calgary/Society for the Francophone Heritage of Calgary to receive this national award. Thanks go to Mrs. Marilyn Williams, CBMCA History and Heritage Committee Chair and M. Patrick Klassen, *président, SFCC Société franco-canadienne de Calgary* and others for their letters of support for these nominations, which were submitted with the applications.

Residents of the Cliff Bungalow-Mission District will know that the Mission district was named "Rouleauville" from 1899 to 1907 in honour of prominent Francophones Judge Charles Borromée Rouleau and his brother Dr. Édouard Hector Rouleau. Their significant contributions and accomplishments as leaders of Calgary's Francophonie live on permanently, thanks to the establishment of Rouleauville Square in front of St Mary's Cathedral.

This is the first national award and official recognition associated with "Rouleauville" since the inauguration of Rouleauville Square in 1996 by His Excellency Roméo LeBlanc, Governor General of Canada.

MEMBERSHIP AFFINITY PROGRAM

Use your membership card to save!

Did you know that you can save money by showing your Cliff Bungalow – Mission Community Association membership card at local businesses? The shops and restaurants listed below offer discounts and special offers to CBMCA members. Just show your up to date membership card!

- **Clear Float Spa:** 105, 1800 – 4 St SW, 10% discount (except for the Theta Membership)
- **European Bakery:** 515 – 17 Ave SW, 10% off all items
- **Expedia Cruise Ship Centres:** 615A – 17 Ave SW, \$50 discount towards a \$1500 Travel Package
- **Famoso Neapolitan Pizzeria:** 105, 2303 – 4 St SW, 10% off food and beverages
- **4th Street Liquor & Wine:** 1809 – 4 St SW, 10% off all items
- **Landmark Centre Second Cup:** 506 – 17 Avenue SW, free upsize on beverages, every Sunday CBMCA member seniors get a free small coffee or tea with purchase of a baked item, 10% discount on catering order, free delivery with purchase over \$50.
- **Lorenzo's Pizza:** 515 – 17 Ave SW, 10% off on pick up orders and 5% off on delivery orders
- **Mission Insurance:** 305, 2204 – 2 St SW, 587-317-2040, \$25 to \$50 Visa/MC Gift Card with purchase of life, health, disability or travel insurance.
- **Momentum Health Mission:** 909, 2303 – 4 St SW, 25% off initial assessment (includes massage), 15% off all products they sell, free gait assessment.
- **Rideau Pharmacy:** 1801 – 4 St SW, 15% off Front Store items (excludes prescriptions)
- **Tea Factory:** 1820 – 4 St SW, 10% off all Loose Leaf Teas and drinks
- **The Tech Shop:** 2424 – 4 St SW, 10% off regular priced footwear / accessories, 15% off regular priced apparel
- **UPS Store:** 1811 – 4 St SW, 5% off all products and services (excludes Canada Post products)
- **Yann Haute Patisserie:** 329 – 23 Avenue SW, 10% off patisseries.

Do you own or manage a business and would like to be part of this program? Please contact cbmca.editor@gmail.com. Residents may purchase a membership by using the membership form in this newsletter or online at our website www.cliffbungalowmission.com, click on "Get Involved."

Community Centred Living in Calgary

Would you like to live in a community where you really know your neighbours? Have you been looking for a safe environment where kids can play freely? Do you want a place where there is more support for raising a family?

If you are looking for an alternative, check out Mosaic Village and become part of building a community that is so much more than just a place to live. It has been said that it takes a village to raise a child - we at Mosaic are creating that village - an environment that is both safe and supportive to children and families, as well as to individuals.

Who are we? Mosaic Village is a diverse group of Calgarians who have chosen to build a unique community within the city where families and individuals can enjoy the benefits of truly knowing and trusting their neighbours, while retaining the privacy of owning their own homes.

Through a variety of community social activities and events, including regular meals together; and through participating in making the decisions that affect us all, we continue to build a strong and dynamic community of caring and supportive people. Essentially, we are just neighbours helping neighbours, but together we are able to offer lots of shared spaces and provide many shared resources, allowing us to live in more socially and environmentally friendly ways.

After all, not everyone needs to own a lawnmower and snow-blower - or even hammers, saws, and screwdrivers. We believe that encouraging a culture of generosity and sharing increases our quality of life and can decrease our consumption of materials and energy.

If you have questions or for more information, check out our website: www.mosaicvillage.org.

Or better yet email us at info@mosaicvillage.org and arrange to join us for one of our social events or meet for a coffee.



The Award concept is one of individual challenge to nurture inner pride and empower young leaders. The highest recognition a youth can receive in Canada, the Award encourages anyone between the ages of 14 and 25 to pursue a balance of extracurricular activities—encouraging personal discovery, growth, self-reliance, and perseverance. Young people challenge themselves by setting and working towards goals in four areas: service to the community, skill, physical fitness and an adventurous journey. Completion of the Award enhances job, scholarship, and post-secondary prospects, giving recipients a unique edge in today's highly competitive environment.

If you would be interested in learning more, please contact Southern Alberta Award Officer, Graham McKelvie – gmcKelvie@theaward.ca, 403-237-7476.

<https://www.dukeofed.org/ab/division-home>.



Post it!

Let's tell the world about life in Cliff Bungalow-Mission

See something interesting in the 'hood?

Take a photo and post it to **Instagram** (with the hashtag **#cbmca**) or to our **Facebook** page. It can be anything:

- a selfie of you and friends at a 4th Street eatery? **Post it!**
- a cute dog? **Post it!**
- birds at your backyard feeder? **Post it!**

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Prospect Trail Progress

by Mary Jane Espey

Prospect Trail is a historic walking trail located behind our community centre, which links Cliff Bungalow – Mission with the Mount Royal and Elbow Park communities. This trail is clearly visible on historic aerial photos but has fallen into disrepair in recent years. The Prospect Trail Steering Committee has reviewed input from 4 community participation sessions and has identified 4 main themes.

- 1. Nature of trail:** an unlit, low-impact, single-track pedestrian trail with the intention of allowing people to explore community green spaces. Path is on-leash and intersects with off-leash areas.
- 2. Path location:** in general, route is favourable with some proximity/ privacy issues. Conversations will continue with people affected by privacy issues directly and adjustments can be explored. In particular, the route by Western Canada High School temporarily follows 5A until alleyway issues are addressed.
- 3. Safety/Crime:** most feedback involved safety/crime issues. Diverging viewpoints were expressed that the pathway may either increase or decrease crime. Talks are being organized with the city to clarify and resolve safety concerns.
- 4. Costs:** not currently included in the City budget. To date input has come from community fundraising/ sweat equity/grants for original concept design. A budget will be brought forward in the next City funding cycle of October 2018.

Should you have any ideas/concerns or wish to be added to the email list, please contact the Steering Committee at prospect-trail@gmail.com.

THE CLIFF BUNGALOW - MISSION JAZZ SERIES PRESENTS

Jazz under the Cliff with Percussionist Robin Tufts and guests

Wednesday December 6, 8 pm
Cliff Bungalow - Mission Community Centre

Cover: \$15 (\$10 Seniors, Students and CBMCA members)
Doors open at 7:30 pm; music starts at 8 pm
No reservations taken; rush seating only
We recommend you come early, enjoy a beverage and get a good seat

Jeremy Brown - saxophone and flute
André Wickenheiser - trumpet and flugelhorn
Simon Fisk - bass
Robin Tufts - percussion

Robin Tufts - Music from the Yellow House

An evening of spontaneous improvisation led by drummer Robin Tufts. This project has its origins in Robin's "Music for Soup" house concert series now expanded to a four-piece ensemble and brought to the public in the wonderfully intimate Cliff Bungalow – Mission Community Centre. The program will feature solos, duets, trios and quartets as we search and explore, working to create music out of thin air. It promises to be a wonderful and adventurous evening. Please join us.



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New ____ or Renewal ____ If Renewal, provide your Card# _____ Purchase Date _____

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TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Our membership year is AGM to AGM. The AGM was on Wednesday, November 22, 2017, so if you have not renewed your membership, now is the time to do so.

You do not get a new card every year. The plastic membership card is permanent. You get a new date sticker when you renew your membership.

Having a CBMCA membership has become more popular partly because of the Membership Affinity Program. All you have to do is show your up-to-date membership card to obtain discounts. See details of this program elsewhere in this newsletter.

To purchase or renew your membership, just fill in the membership form elsewhere in this newsletter and send it in with your cheque to the address on the form.

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Real Estate Update

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	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
October 2017	\$1,399,000	\$1,350,000
September 2017	\$850,000	\$830,000
August 2017	\$977,000	\$944,500
July 2017	\$1,095,000	\$1,065,000
June 2017	\$999,500	\$960,000
May 2017	\$1,607,450	\$1,550,000
April 2017	\$0	\$0
March 2017	\$1,174,950	\$1,101,000
February 2017	\$1,700,000	\$1,600,000
January 2017	\$0	\$0
December 2016	\$0	\$0
November 2016	\$0	\$0

Last 12 Months Mission
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
October 2017	\$364,944	\$357,000
September 2017	\$302,400	\$297,000
August 2017	\$324,900	\$316,500
July 2017	\$329,900	\$312,500
June 2017	\$452,000	\$425,250
May 2017	\$382,450	\$379,250
April 2017	\$296,900	\$289,900
March 2017	\$359,900	\$345,000
February 2017	\$335,000	\$332,000
January 2017	\$319,900	\$306,250
December 2016	\$389,450	\$375,250
November 2016	\$342,450	\$319,000

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BLACKFOOT DISTRICT

Ho! Ho! Ho! And mistletoe!

It's that very festive time of year and Girl Guide chocolaty mint cookies are perfect for the season! There are units still selling cookies so keep an eye out at local retail locations for our yummy mint cookies.

November was a busy time for all our units with enrolments, cookie selling and Remembrance Day activities. In December all our units will be busy celebrating the festive season and wishing everyone 'Peace on Earth'.

SPARK units went to the library, learned about their heritage, had a visit from the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society, and will be having holiday parties and making "Socks of Hope" for the homeless.

BROWNIE units are camping, learning basic first aid, visiting the fire hall and will be singing for seniors and celebrating the season with winter parties.

GUIDE units volunteered with crafts at a community Halloween event, wrote letters to our Veterans, are working on different service projects providing supplies and materials for organizations and people in need in our community.

PATHFINDER & RANGER units volunteered by organizing games at a community Halloween Dance, were busy gift wrapping for the Cerebral Palsy Association, attended Calgary Area Ranger camp, held a bottle drive and they will be crafting with a seasonal flare.

Guiding is a great place to grow lasting friendships and experience new opportunities. Why not give us a try! Registration is ongoing, and January is a great time of year to join a unit and have some fun.

If you have any questions regarding Guiding or registration, please contact Calgary Area Girl Guides at gginfo@calgarygirlguides.com or call 403-283-8348

Girl Greatness Starts Here!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Councillor, Ward 11
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Friends,

I am incredibly privileged to represent you on City Council. Especially if I was unable to earn your support, the privilege of serving as your Councillor is not a responsibility that I take lightly. I will work hard to gain your support by delivering on my platform and involving you in decisions. Thank you also to Brian Pincott, Robert Dickinson, Janet Eremenko, Linda Johnson, and Keith Simmons for their community involvement.

I have hit the ground running on major campaign promises by declining my pension and transition allowance (an estimated greater than \$500,000 cost to my family), forcing public debate on every secret City Council meeting, and asking for a "roll call" to show who is present or absent for meetings.

The focus of your Ward 11 office is fiscal responsibility, transparency, and respect for citizens. I've heard loud and clear the need to cut wasteful spending, end tax increases, and find more efficient ways to deliver the services, programs and infrastructure that matter most.

I commit to listening to your concerns with genuine interest, treating you with respect, and bringing your voice to City Hall each and every day. We will host our first Ward 11 Town Hall in the New Year. You deserve to have regular and direct access to your representative, and I look forward to hearing your views on Ward issues at these forums.

December is a special time to support community, whether by donating to the Calgary Food Bank, shoveling a neighbour's sidewalk, or simply spending time with friends and family. On behalf of my family and staff, Merry Christmas and warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a joyous holiday season filled with health, happiness and special memories.

With gratitude,
Jeromy Farkas
City Councillor and Palliser resident

P.S. To sign up for Ward 11 newsletters and updates, please visit www.calgary.ca/ward11.



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Wrapping up 2017

As this year draws to a close, I am inspired to do a little year-in-review of what the Alberta Government has done to make life better for Albertans in 2017.

Starting with the little people...in May we launched 22 pilot Early Learning and Child Care Centres (ELCC), which offer high quality child care at the affordable rate of \$25/day (half the average monthly price). At the conclusion of the 3-year pilot, there will be an evaluation to decide if the program will be expanded.

I know employment is very much on the minds of Albertans in our recovering economy. We have passed legislation to help Albertans secure and retain good jobs in workplaces that are fair, modern, and family friendly. Following extensive consultation, Alberta's Employment Standards and Labour Relations Code were changed, and bring us into line with standards in other provinces. In October, our government also brought in the second of three increases to minimum wage, raising general minimum wage in Alberta to \$13.60 per hour – the highest in the country.

Energy Efficiency Alberta was created to promote simple, cost-cutting technologies to reduce emissions in homes, businesses, and communities. If you need to replace an outdated refrigerator, washing machine, or thermostat, you can receive a rebate. To see how your household, business or organization can benefit, visit efficiencyalberta.ca

Alberta's economy continues to gain strength. The Conference Board of Canada reports that Alberta's economy is currently the fastest-growing provincial economy in the country, and ATB Financial reports that in the year ending Aug. 31, 35,000 Albertans assumed new full-time jobs. There is certainly more work to be done, but our government's economic policies aimed at recovery are working, and more Albertans are working, which is cause for cheer.

My husband and I look forward to spending the holidays with the newest member of our family. From our home to yours, I extend warmest wishes for happy holidays.



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Help for those working hard to join the middle class
 First, I'd like to invite you to join me at my **Holiday Open House** on Saturday, December 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kerby Centre (1133 7 Ave. S.W.). You can RSVP at www.KentHehrMP.ca.

Second, I'd like to highlight a couple programs that are helping our friends and neighbours to meet their basic needs and re-invest in the local economy. When middle class and low income Calgarians have more money in their pockets, it's quickly used to pay for things like healthy food, skating lessons and warm winter clothes.

Canada Child Benefit

Our government is going a step further to help lift children out of poverty, by increasing Canada Child Benefit payments to keep pace with inflation.


- 3.3 million families receive Canada Child Benefit payments, providing \$6,800 on average per family per year.
- 90% of families receive more through the Canada Child Benefit than they did under the previous government's programs.
- For a single parent with two kids making \$35,000, the increase will mean an additional \$560 next year, tax free.

Working Income Tax Benefit

By letting low-income workers take home more money while they work, the Working Income Tax Benefit offers real help to Calgarians and encourages more people to join the workforce.

- In 2016, 1.4 million low-income workers received an average of \$785 per year.
- Starting in 2019, we are enhancing the benefit by an additional \$500 million per year.
- For families, the Working Income Tax Benefit and the Canada Child Benefit combine to provide more money to help with the costs of raising a family.

Get in touch: To contact me, please email kent.hehr@parl.gc.ca or call 403-244-1880. You can subscribe to email updates at www.KentHehrMP.ca/email-updates.




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Happy Holidays

I've always loved the holidays. It's not just because of the family dinners, or the chance to get out to the Rockies to ski or snowboard, or even the gathering of presents under the Christmas tree. It's because of the kind and generous attitude with which Calgarians approach the season and their neighbours. We are a warm and giving people, but during the holiday season we always seem to one-up ourselves. You can see it everywhere—on the faces of kids in the corner store and in the kind smiles of Calgarians bundled up behind countless layers of clothing—and it makes me immensely proud to be from and live in this wonderful place.

As lights and decorations find their way onto neighbouring businesses and homes, I hope that all Calgarians will consider taking the time to spread the joy of the season through their own acts of public service. This can mean volunteering your time at a local soup kitchen, helping to shovel a neighbour's sidewalk, or donating gently-used winter clothing to those in need. The options to give back and support your community are endless. If you have questions about how you can get involved in your community, contact your local Community Association or our office through email (ward08@calgary.ca) or phone (403-268-2431), we'd love to hear from you. From the Ward 8 office, we wish you very happy holidays and a joyful New Year!

I wish you all the very best this holiday season and through the winter. Stay warm, keep safe on the roads, and have fun. 2018 is going to be a great year!



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