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Child Safe Canada	403-202-5900
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# OAKRIDGE

# COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## Complex

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## Office Hours

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Weekdays

## Complex Manager

Sandy Fitzgibbon

## Maintenance

Leyla McTaggart  
Ron Lukie, Jay Stewart,  
Jesse Leinan

## Hall Rentals

- Contact Sandy weekdays at the Center, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.
- Space available for Socials, Meetings, Wedding Receptions
- Our large hall holds approximately 200 people with kitchen facilities

## VOLUNTEERING

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## Keep the Oakridge Community Centre smoke-free

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The Tobacco Reduction Act prohibits smoking in public places and workplaces, and within 5 metres of any doorway, window or air intake. If you do smoke, please be sure to do so at least 5 metres from the entrance. We appreciate your cooperation.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Squash court: Available every day      Tools for Kids Preschool: Every weekday September to June, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



# FREE FAMILY DAY SKATE

Monday February 20, 2017  
Oakridge Community Centre  
1:00 – 3:00 pm

Indoor Ice as well as Outdoor Ice  
(weather permitting)  
Cookies and Hot Chocolate

Mom and Dad, bring the Kids,  
Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt Betty and Uncle Jim!

It's all about FAMILY! See you there!





## FRIENDS OF FISH CREEK MID-WINTER UPDATE Leaving a Legacy for Cherished Green Spaces and Healthy Families

### Public Information Session

Saturday, March 4, 2017

2:00 pm at the Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre

Remembering family in your will is most likely an important part of your final wishes.

Considering the Friends of Fish Creek in your legal will or through other philanthropic means is one of the best ways to ensure that future generations will enjoy this breathtaking natural area as much as you and your family do. For over 20 years the Friends have collaborated with park management, volunteers, community organizations and members to raise awareness about environmental stewardship in Fish Creek Provincial Park. Legacy gifts (Planned Giving) allow you to make a future donation to the Friends of Fish Creek without affecting your current financial circumstances. Regardless of the size of your planned gift you can be sure that your gift will continue to make a lasting and vital impact on the park that you care for. Giving options may even substantially reduce your taxes. Your legacy will help ensure that the important programs operated or sponsored by the Friends of Fish Creek can continue to be maintained and expand. A planned gift in your will is a wonderful way to help protect and preserve this park so that future generations can enjoy it as much as you and your family do. For more information, please join us on March 4 and stay tuned to [www.friendsoffishcreek.org/estate-2](http://www.friendsoffishcreek.org/estate-2)

**The February Fish Creek Speaker Series**  
Beaches, Birds, and the Boreal Forest – Lesser Slave

## Lake Provincial Park

Thursday, February 23, 2017 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Presented by Ceiridwen Robbins, Visitor Services Coordinator for the Slave Lake District of Alberta Parks

Allow Ceiridwen Robbins of Alberta Parks to transport you to northwestern Alberta and explore the fascinating landscape and diversity of life in Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park – all without leaving Calgary! Beaches, birds, and boreal plants abound in this provincial park, including some rare and unusual species. Free for Friends members and \$5.00 for non-members.

For more information or to register visit [www.friendsoffishcreek.org/event/beach](http://www.friendsoffishcreek.org/event/beach)

## Introducing Yo-Qi: A Wellness Experience

The Friends are excited to announce that we have expanded Yoga and Qi Gong into the Winter and Spring! “Yo-Qi” is a combination of Yoga and Qi Gong – and each session will have a different wellness-focused theme. Sessions will be lead by Dianne Smith, Spring Forest Qi Gong Certified Instructor, and Yoga and Guided Meditation Instructors Gwen Draude of Birds of a Feather and Naomi Parker of Elemental Wellness. Sessions will be held indoors at the Environmental Learning Centre at Shannon Terrace from 7:00 - 8:00 pm on Thursday evenings:

- January 26** – Boost Your Immunity
- February 23** – Heart Opening
- March 23** – Spring Cleaning and Detox
- April 20** – Connecting to Earth
- May 18** – Gratitude for Mother (your own or Mother Earth!)

To register and for more information visit [www.friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/wellness-clinics](http://www.friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/wellness-clinics)

## Oakridge Before and After School Care Program

## SPRING BREAK 2017

For Children  
ages 5-12

For more information or to register

OAKRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
(lower level) 9504 Oakfield Drive SW

(403) 238-9322

[oakbascc@telus.net](mailto:oakbascc@telus.net)

**FEES:** \$45.00/day/child

Deadline to register is  
Tuesday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017



**Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> - [Comic Creators]** Join us today in creating our very own comic book characters and watch the adventures unfold on paper.

**Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> - [Pets and PJ's]** It's a great day to stay in your PJ's and snuggle with your stuffy, doll or favorite friend. Children can also bring a pillow and blanket if they wish.



**Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> - [Bring a Game/Play a Game]** Don't forget to bring your favorite board, or card game, and play with a bunch of your friends.

**Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> - [Harry Potter's Wizarding World]** Bring your imagination and sense of adventure for a day of fun and special wizarding magic. Spell books and wands not required since you will no doubt you will need to visit “Gringots” our own Diagon Alley.



**Wednesday March 29<sup>th</sup> - [Craftapalooza]** No, it is not some strange disease, it is a celebration of all that is creative and hands on. Come try something new, traditional or just plain fun.

**Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup> - [Busytown]** Back by popular demand it's a “Busytown” Day. Which shop would you like to run? A flower shop, the Post Office, the bank, or perhaps the local Pet Shop and Veterinarian.



**Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> - [Movie at Chinook]** Today we will be off to Chinook Centre for an afternoon at the movies. We will be taking a chartered school bus from First Student. If you wish to bring spending money max \$15.00.

Please don't forget that each day children must be at the Centre no later than 10:00 am and will need to bring their lunches, snacks, something to drink, as well as their indoor shoes. If you have any questions please contact staff at 403-238-9322.



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SW Transitway and Oakridge

The Oakridge Community Association has no affiliation with the advocacy group 'ready to engage'; any of their materials that appear in the Oakridge Echo are considered paid advertisements. The Oakridge Community Association Board is interested in working with the City of Calgary to find solutions that are mutually beneficial.

If Oakridge residents would like their concerns heard by the board and brought forward to the city, please email [ringroadoca@gmail.com](mailto:ringroadoca@gmail.com).

For more information on the project, visit City of Calgary's website at [calgary.ca/swtransitway](http://calgary.ca/swtransitway). To reach out directly with questions or concerns regarding the transitway, email [swtransitway@calgary.ca](mailto:swtransitway@calgary.ca) or phone 311.

## Oakridge Community Centre Abuse Policy

The Oakridge Community Centre values its staff, volunteers and patrons of the facility. In order to provide a safe and healthy environment, we are a zero-tolerance facility. Abuse or harassment towards volunteers, staff and patrons will not be tolerated.

## BRAIN GAMES SUDOKU

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## 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.

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# Oakridge Co-op Redevelopment Project

Oakridge Community Members,

As many of you are aware the Oakridge Calgary CO-OP (CO-OP) is getting a makeover. We have been approached by the developer and CO-OP and have a had chance to review the proposed plans and consider them to be thoughtful to our community's needs.

As with past issues, we believe that the road to a healthy and cohesive community comes from working together on these types of issues in order to ensure as small of a negative impact to our community as possible. In fact, In many cases these developments become opportunities for our community to grow.

With that in mind, we encourage community members to provide their feedback on the proposed plans. We will compile those suggestions and send them to the city, the developers and CO-OP.

We have already highlighted issues that we think may cause problems down the road and delivered them to the city as well as the developer.

- Those issues are:
- Being mindful of traffic at the intersection of 24th street and Oakmoor Drive, SW.
  - Ensure no shadowing on the residences around the proposed development.
  - Keeping access open for residents during construction.

We have received positive responses to our concerns and believe that our relationship with CO-OP and the developers to be a good one.

**Learn more about the project at [oakridgexcrossingyyc.ca](http://oakridgexcrossingyyc.ca).** Provide your feedback to the Oakridge Community Association Board of Directors by emailing [oakridgexcrossingoca@gmail.com](mailto:oakridgexcrossingoca@gmail.com).

With sincere regards,

*Matthew O'Connor, VP Civic Affairs*

# Tom Brook Athletic Park Redevelopment

The City of Calgary is moving forward with plans to re-develop Tom Brook Athletic Park behind Southland Leisure Centre in the spring of 2018. Construction will take approximately one year and will upgrade the existing ball diamond and natural turf rectangular field with two rectangular artificial turf fields.

Tom Brook Athletic Park has been identified as a strategic location for artificial turf based on amenities at Southland Leisure Centre that make this an appealing multisport tournament venue for amateur athletes. The project will also add additional parking to the north side of Southland Leisure Centre.

**Impacts to Residents**

We understand that construction creates additional dust and noise, and will do our best to minimize disruptions and ensure the safety of our neighbours. Information about staging and access will be shared once a work plan and schedule is confirmed. For more information, please visit [calgary.ca/recreationprojects](http://calgary.ca/recreationprojects).

## SUDOKU

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## What's New with the Silverbirch Girl Guides

Turns out it was their idea. Part of a team building project they designed for their own enrolment showing that if you stick together you can solve most problems.

Meanwhile, one of Brownie units is earning the Key to STEM (science, technology, engineering, math). The first week they will take on building challenges with a variety of materials. Skyscrapers, bridges and things that move will be on the menu!

Girls are welcome to come dressed as a scientist or detective as they will be learning about the science that connects the two! Finger prints, chemistry and practicing our observations skills will be part of the meeting.

Next the girls will explore the many ways we communicate and try a few new ways that they might not have experienced before. We will also get a chance to think about (and maybe invent our own) machines that humans have created to make life easier. They will end the month by celebrating with a skating party (weather permitting).

Canada may be 150 years old but Guiding is only 107. A Pathfinder unit, Guide unit and Brownie unit will travel together to visit our own archives at Guide Centre. They will have lots of things to look through and lots of fun ways to learn about Guiding History. Some of the things they will be doing includes trying on old uniforms and trying out program requirements from the past. They will also talk about how Guiding started and how, thank goodness, it has progressed to keep us relevant in 2017.

Our next exciting adventure for Silverbirch District is our Thinking Day celebration. Thinking Day is when the 10 million members of Guiding together celebrate our Guiding membership in a 146 countries around the world. This year our theme is camping so our Rangers will help prepare a presentation highlighting the international camp they experienced last summer.

If you want to have this much fun, come join us. Contact Barb at 403-251-5169 or [silverbirchgirlguides@gmail.com](mailto:silverbirchgirlguides@gmail.com).

## STEP INTO WINTER

**Are you thinking of becoming more active?**  
The University of Calgary is recruiting volunteers for a 12-week physical activity study.

**To participate you must be:**

- 18 years of age or older
- Exercising less than 3 days per week
- Have internet access

You will be asked to wear a pedometer for 3 months, log your activity onto a website, and complete 3 questionnaires.

**By completing the 3 questionnaires you will receive:**

- A pedometer (\$25 value)
- \$10 gift card
- Prize draw entry for \$1000 gift card

**To participate contact Research Coordinator:**  
[perryr@ucalgary.ca](mailto:perryr@ucalgary.ca)

Ethics ID: REB15-2944  
This study has been approved by the University of Calgary Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board.

## FREE PILOT PROGRAM

Join us for 3000 STEPS, a new, low-impact introductory fitness program for all ages right here in Oakridge/Cedarbrae. Limited space available for kids, seniors and adults.

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#### Single Family homes:

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58 sold listings in 2016 - average sale price \$579,354 with 39 days on market

#### Condo/Townhouses:

7 active listing - list price \$334,171 with 128 days on market  
29 sold listings in 2016 - sale price \$253,233 with 49 days on market

#### Apartments:

0 active listings  
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(Statistics based on CREB MLS System listings as at Jan 1, 2017.)

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### Ask Charles

*I saw a house for sale, and I want to check it out  
- will I have to sign a contract to get a real estate  
professional to show me the house?*

The short answer is no. If you see a house for sale and you simply want a real estate professional to show you that house, you're not required to sign a contract.

Simply viewing a home with a real estate professional doesn't trigger a regulatory requirement to sign a contract with that real estate professional. However, if you start sharing confidential information such as your motivation for buying or your financial qualification, the real estate professional has a responsibility to clarify your working relationship, at which point they are going to provide you with some documents to review.

In the process of clarifying your working relationship, the first document a real estate professional should present to you is the Consumer Relationships Guide. The Consumer Relationships Guide is a mandatory document for real estate professionals when they begin working with a buyer or seller of residential real estate. It explains the different types of working relationships between real estate professionals and consumers.

The Consumer Relationships Guide is not a contract. It does not commit you to a specific ongoing working relationship with your real estate professional, but it is an essential information piece for consumers to understand what working with a licensed real estate professional entails. Among other things, it discusses responsibilities and obligations.

The Consumer Relationships Guide contains an acknowledgement that consumers have to sign indicating they've read the Guide, understand it, and have been provided with an opportunity to ask the real estate professional questions about it. Consumers need to review and sign the Guide before entering into any contract with a real estate professional.

Some real estate professionals may actually present the Consumer Relationships Guide and request that you sign the acknowledgement even before showing you a single property, but that specific practice is not a requirement.

"Ask Charles" is a monthly question and answer column by Charles Stevenson, Director of Professional Standards with the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA), [www.reca.ca](http://www.reca.ca). RECA is the independent, non-government agency responsible for the regulation of Alberta's real estate industry. We license, govern, and set the standards of practice for all real estate, mortgage brokerage, and real estate appraisal professionals in Alberta. To submit a question, email [ask-charles@reca.ca](mailto:ask-charles@reca.ca).



### Valentine's Trivia

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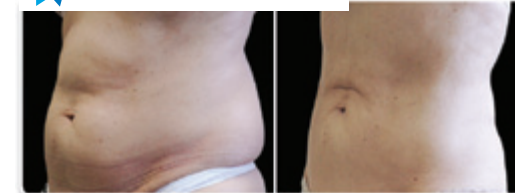
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# Christmas Bird Count

116 year-old annual tradition with an interesting origin

In 1900, to counter the so-called “side-hunt,” wherein groups of gunners would compete in seeing which could kill the most wildlife on Boxing Day, American ornithologist Frank Chapman, instead, asked birders across North America to head out on Christmas Day to count the birds in their home towns and submit the results as the first “Christmas Bird Census.” His suggestion has evolved into one of the world’s largest citizen science projects in the world, and a holiday tradition during the Christmas season for well over 50,000 birders in the Americas each year.

The Christmas Bird Count (CBC), as it is now called, is conducted in over 2,400 localities across Canada, the United States, Latin America, and the Caribbean. These bird observations, collected during one-day field counts within defined circular areas, have been amassed into a huge database that reflects the distribution and numbers of winter birds over time.

Each Christmas Bird Count (CBC) is now conducted within a standardized circle with a radius of 7.5 mi (12 km). About 370 Canadian CBCs are reported to Bird Studies Canada - and many hundreds of others are conducted, reported only to their provincial naturalists’ organization. In all, some 15,000 to 22,000 people participate across Canada.

This year the Calgary CBC took place on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> under a mostly sunny sky and a balmy temperature of 3C. S2G+ joined Gus Yaki and 6 other individuals. Of the 32 territories in Calgary our area included Mount Royal, Elbow Park, Stanley Park, Parkhill, Erlton, and Rideau/Roxboro. Nineteen bird and 4 mammal species were counted plus 3 animal tracks observed.

SP	Birds	Count
1.	Canada Goose-460	460
2.	Mallard	25
3.	Bald Eagle	1 AD
4.	Sharp-shinned Hawk	2
5.	Rough-legged Hawk	1
6.	Merlin	3

7.	Downy Woodpecker	3
8.	Hairy Woodpecker	1
9.	Northern Flicker	4
10.	Black-billed Magpie	198
11.	Common Raven	42
12.	American Crow	3
13.	Black-capped Chickadee	120
14.	Red-breasted Nuthatch	22
15.	White-breasted Nuthatch	5
16.	Darky-eyed Junco	3
17.	Rock Pigeon	55
18.	House Finch	7
19.	House Sparrow	

Mammals		
1.	Red Squirrel	1
2.	Eastern Gray Squirrel-grey morph	23
3.	Eastern Gray Squirrel-black morph	45
4.	White-tailed Jack Rabbit	1
5.	European Rabbit (feral)	39

Tracks		
	Meadow Vole	
	Deer Mouse	
	Coyote	

**Overall number of species recorded in Calgary:** 61 (four below the 20-year average)

**Individual birds counted in Calgary:** 39,249 (significantly below the average of 50,000)

**Highest count species:** Mallards (10,676) and Canada Geese (9,315) led the way, followed by House Sparrows, Black-billed Magpies and Black-capped Chickadees.

**Biggest drop in sightings:** Bohemian Waxwings at 1,650 and a 90% decrease in the number of House Finches

**Returnees:** a Golden Eagle not counted since 1987 and 3 Sharp-tailed Grouse which were first seen since 1997. Both the eagle and the grouse were found on Tsuu T’ina lands.

**Other uncommon birds:** Ring-necked Duck, Pied-billed Grebe and Ring-billed Gull (one of each).

Final results will be posted on the Audubon database by mid- January 2017. Next year’s count will be on Sunday December 17, 2017. Mark your calendars!

Information from Gus Yaki and Phil Cram

Formed in 2004, S2G+ Preservation Society collaborates to enhance the environment and natural history of the lower Elbow River, its valley and contiguous benchlands from the Glenmore Dam to Fort Calgary. To join our stewardship network email us at [S2Gplusinfo@gmail.com](mailto:S2Gplusinfo@gmail.com). Follow us on [facebook.com/S2Gplus](https://www.facebook.com/S2Gplus)

# A Perspective on Volunteering

Volunteerism is big in Calgary and every holiday season I see so many Calgarians coming out to help those less fortunate. It is pretty easy to find opportunities for the whole family to get involved in giving back. Through my involvement with the Calgary Homeless Foundation, I learned about the many non-profit agencies in Calgary that provide support for people struggling with homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, Inn from the Cold, the Drop-In Centre, and the Calgary Homeless Foundation are few organizations you can get involved with to help those most vulnerable in and around your community.



Local Girl Guides Caroline and April volunteered at Inn from the Cold to serve breakfast to families on Boxing Day. Inn from the Cold is main emergency shelter that provides temporary housing for homeless families.



Volunteers Jeff, Justin, and Eric served lunch to 650 homeless men and women at the Drop-In Centre downtown. We learned that the centre serves 1,300 meals per day to up to 1,100 people on a budget of only \$1.40 per day, per person. They rely on food donations and corporate sponsorship for the rest.

The Calgary Homeless Foundation is challenging Calgarians to host a dinner party or community initiative to raise awareness and funding. Visit [calgaryhomeless.com/how-to-help/host-an-event](http://calgaryhomeless.com/how-to-help/host-an-event) to get started and register your event.

For more information on how you can offer your time or support for all of these great organizations, please visit [calgarydropin.ca](http://calgarydropin.ca), [innfromthecold.org](http://innfromthecold.org), [calgaryfoodbank.com](http://calgaryfoodbank.com), and [calgaryhomeless.com](http://calgaryhomeless.com).

Submitted by Tracee Collins, community member and volunteer

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## Valentine Chocolate Trivia

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After a restful Christmas break, January was a busy month at St. Gerard! The Grade 6 class spent an interesting and interactive day at the Calgary Police Interpretive Centre where they explored ways of coping with online relationships, texting and bullying. They also learned about gangs. Then, the John Howard Society visited the school for an informative presentation to the Grade 6 class on Criminal Justice. Later in the month, the Grade 5 and 6 students were at Canada Olympic Park for two days of skiing and snowboarding lessons. Our kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 classes had tremendous fun working for three days with an exciting instructor from Alien In-Line Skating. We are looking forward to February and our Carnival activities.

*Yours truly,*

*Mr. Christian Harries | Principal*

#### Important Dates for February:

February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sandwich Dropoff (families are encouraged to make sandwiches for those less fortunate), Parent Council Meeting 9am-10am
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Carnaval Singer
February 16-17 <sup>th</sup>	Teachers' Convention (No School)
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Family Day Holiday (No School)
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Taffy on Snow
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Evergreen Theatre at Eugene Coste School

## 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.

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**The Common Redpoll**  
**A Winter Migrant to Alberta**

Article by J.G.Turner  
 Photo by J. Burns

The Common Redpoll is an energetic, little songbird with a flaming red cap, black throat, whitish rump and streaked back. This songbird a highly sociable, noisy, chattering bird that travels in large flocks of several hundred birds. It is one of the finch family's most northern breeders and is found circumpolar.

#### Fun Facts:

- You can find the Common Redpoll from April through September in the Yukon, Northwest and Nunavut Territories, and even across into Newfoundland and Labrador. The Common Redpoll migrates south into the lower Canadian provinces in late autumn.
- In Alberta, we are likely to see the Common Redpoll in the winter when they might forage as large groups in weedy fields or small tree lots.
- Sightings can be scarce when there are winter food shortages in their normal wintering range. This forces them to go even farther south, a behaviour called an "irruption." Common Redpolls tend to exhibit this irruptive behaviour every second year to match the production cycle of catkins on birch and alder trees.
- The Common Redpoll's normal breeding range is on the Arctic tundra or in boreal forests. The female nests low down in dwarf willows, spruce, birch, alders, and small shrubs, where the male brings her food.
- This songbird likes the small high-energy seeds of birch and alder trees and can eat 42% of their body mass every day!
- When in a large group, the Common Redpoll often moves frantically on the ground in their search for seeds to eat.
- When it is extremely cold or food is scarce, the Common Redpoll can store some seeds temporarily in a stretchy part of their oesophagus (diverticula). They will knock seeds down, fly down to scoop them up,

then find a sheltered and safe spot to shell and eat the seeds at their leisure.

- If you want to attract them to your yard you can plant birch trees, but we city folks are most likely to see them at a backyard feeder in the winter where they favour nyger seed offerings.

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal in distress, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society hotline at 403-239-2488, for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at www.calgarywildlife.org for more information.




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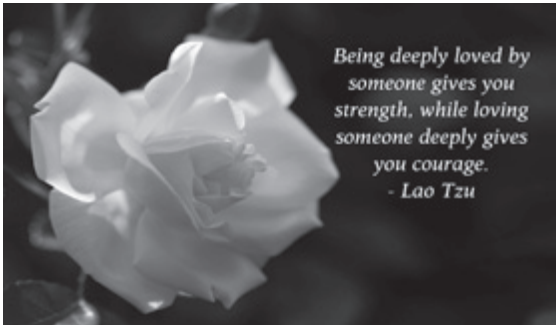
# Succulents & Cacti

Barbara Shorrock

If you are growing plants indoors, there is a good chance you already have a succulent or two. Perhaps you have cactus or aloe. The word "succulent" comes from the Latin word "sucus", meaning juice or sap. This category of plants has leaves or stems (and sometimes roots) that are thick and fleshy to enable the plant to store water to survive dry conditions. It is a huge family of plants that originate from many parts of the world ranging from desert to forest. All cacti are succulents, but not all succulents are cacti. Many of them flower, such as *Schlumbergera*/Christmas Cactus, which only flowers at Christmas if forced in a greenhouse environment. In our homes, it blooms according to hours of sunlight, typically October-November and again less vigorously in early spring. After it is finished, it should be given a rest and pruned or re-potted. I have several that are decades old who are pruned annually. They are given a light fertilizing and maybe top dressing when new growth appears, because they live in the same pot year after year.

Another popular indoor succulent is *Sedum Morganianum*, also known as Burro Tail or Donkey Tail. It has long rope-like stems heavily laden with plump juicy leaves that can grow up to 6 ft. long. A mature plant will be very heavy, and needs to be hung from a good hook that will support the weight. If you cannot turn it regularly, it will grow on the sunny side and need to be secured to its shelf (I find wire coat hangers useful). These plants do not tolerate transplanting, as the leaves fall off with the slightest touch, so choose your pot wisely when the plant is small. There are many different varieties with leaves from tiny to huge, and if you have outdoor sunny space that is sheltered from the wind and hail, they will enjoy living outside in the summertime. Remember, though, that they are tropical and cannot tolerate cold temperatures, so must move inside in the fall.

We all have some sort of Hen and Chicks in our gardens: small ground-hugging fleshy succulents in rosette form of the *Crassulaceae* family. You will often find them labelled as genus *Echeveria* and *Sempervivum*, among others. The "hen" is the main parent plant, and the "chicks" are the offsets or baby plants, which are attached by a not very sturdy stem. A good strong rain will knock the baby off, allowing it to roll down the slope and come to rest where it will put down roots and start a new colony. These are probably the most shared plants in the gardening community, as some varieties are hardy to our climate and propagate easily. There are many others that come from warmer and drier climes, such as Central and South America and Africa, that make interesting house plants because of their beautiful shapes. Plant them alone, or together in a shallow pot in a sunny window, and they will reward you with years of slow growth and the occasional bloom on a long willowy stalk. The most important thing to remember about growing succulents is that their original home is typically arid. The quickest way to kill your new succulent or cactus is to water it weekly on the same schedule as your other house plants. Root rot is deadly. During the winter season when daylight hours are short, these plants need watering only monthly, or at the most every two weeks. Soak the pot and then leave it until it is totally dry; never let it sit in a saucer of water. And do not fertilize until the days are longer and you see new growth. When re-potting (some of these babies come from the nursery in very tiny pots) use either a commercial cactus medium, or regular potting medium mixed with perlite (1:2). Perlite is good for drainage; Vermiculite is like a sponge and holds water. Horticultural sand will also work. Enjoy your succulents; how many things do we have in our lives that thrive on neglect?





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We all have some sort of Hen and Chicks in our gardens: small ground-hugging fleshy succulents in rosette form of the *Crassulaceae* family. You will often find them labelled as genus *Echeveria* and *Sempervivum*, among others. The “hen” is the main parent plant, and the “chicks” are the offsets or baby plants, which are attached by a not very sturdy stem. A good strong rain will knock the baby off, allowing it to roll down the slope and come to rest where it will put down roots and start a new colony. These are probably the most shared plants in the gardening community, as some varieties are hardy to our climate and propagate easily. There are many others that come from warmer and drier climates, such as Central and South America and Africa, that make interesting house plants because of their beautiful shapes. Plant them alone, or together in a shallow pot in a sunny window, and they will reward you with years of slow growth and the occasional bloom on a long willow stalk. The most important thing to remember about growing succulents is that their original home is typically arid. The quickest way to kill your new succulent or cactus is to water it weekly on the same schedule as your other house plants. Root rot is deadly. During the winter season when daylight hours are short, these plants need watering only monthly, or at the most every two weeks. Soak the pot and then leave it until it is totally dry; never let it sit in a saucer of water. And do not fertilize until the days are longer and you see new growth. When repotting (some of these babies come from the nursery in very tiny pots) use either a commercial cactus medium, or regular potting medium mixed with perlite (1:2). Perlite is good for drainage; Vermiculite is like a sponge and holds water. Horticultural sand will also work. Enjoy your succulents; how many things do we have in our lives that thrive on neglect?

## Klassified Kids

These ads are free to children 16 years of age and under who would like to advertise in the Echo. Ads are placed for a 3-month period. The cut-off date is 5:00pm the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to the publication month. Please contact Emily at 403-801-3786 or email at oakridge.echo@gmail.com.

**Going somewhere?** If you need help with your pets, you’ve come to the right place. I am 12 years old and own a cat myself. I am available anytime over this summer. I charge \$5 a visit for cat or dog. For more information, email me at KeatonThePetSitter@gmail.com.

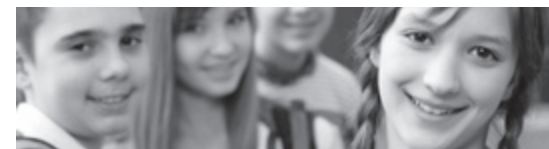
**Babysitting service:** Mature 12-year-old with certification available in Palliser, Pump Hill and Oakridge. Please call Justin at 403-966-3939 or email at justinhockeyguy@gmail.com.

**Vacation pet-sitting service:** Mature 10-year old – loves cats, birds, plants – available for Palliser, Pump Hill and Oakridge neighbourhoods. Also walks dogs. References available. Please call Caroline at 403-966-3939 or email mycaroline2006@gmail.com.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### IMPORTANT NOTE

### PARKING LOT SPEED LIMIT



Please be advised that the speed limit in the parking lot of the community centre is 5 km/hour. Our parking lot is very busy at pick-up times for a variety of sports and community programs, many catering to younger children. Often children are

excited when leaving the building and may not look before they run into the path of traffic.

Please note that the end of the cement pad is a drop-off/pick-up zone only – unattended vehicles are not allowed. Also, the handicap parking stall is for vehicles that have a handicap parking sticker.

Help us ensure the safety of all users of the Oakridge Community Centre by entering and exiting the parking lot carefully.

The Oakridge Community Association



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### Mar. 16 – 19, The One Act Play Festival at the Pumphouse Theatre

One theatre, four evenings, ten one act plays, a diverse array of local artists. The One Act Play Festival is sure to delight regular theatre goers and the newly curious alike. \$15 adults, \$12 students/seniors. Tickets at [www.pumphousetheatre.ca](http://www.pumphousetheatre.ca)

### Mar. 16, Hodgetwins at the Laugh Shop

These American identical twins have some of the most popular channels on YouTube with over 600 million views. Enjoy the edgy sense of humour of these handsome siblings while having a drink at this comedy hotspot. Adults only, \$29.95. More info at [www.thelaughshopcalgary.com](http://www.thelaughshopcalgary.com)

### Mar. 25 – 26, The Outdoor Adventure and Travel Show at the BMO Centre

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On January 5th of this year, the Assessment Department mailed out the 2017 Property Assessment Notices to property and business owners in Calgary. The assessment process is how property taxes are distributed among all property owners to meet The City's budget needs to pay for services all Calgarians benefit from like police, fire protection, transit, parks, recreation and more. Your property assessment provides the basis for your share of taxes, relative to all non-residential properties in Calgary. On June 27th, 2016, City Council made the decision to reduce the 2017 property tax rate increase to zero through a one-time rebate. Please note this only affects The City's portion. Your property assessment is based on your property's estimated market value on July 1st, 2016, and is used to calculate your property taxes. Your property assessment can change year to year.

### Residential Property Assessment

The average home in Calgary saw an assessment decrease of 4 per cent. If your assessment decreased 4 per cent, you will pay about the same municipal taxes as last year. If your assessment decreased less than 4 per cent or increased from 2016, your municipal taxes will increase. If your assessment decreased by more than 4 per cent, you will see a decrease in your municipal taxes. Please note, the Provincial portion of the tax rate is not announced until spring, and will also have an impact on your property taxes.

### Non-residential Property Assessment

The average non-residential property saw an assessment decrease of 6 per cent. If your assessment decreased 6 per cent, you will pay about the same municipal taxes as last year. If your assessment decreased less than 6 per cent or increased from 2016, your municipal taxes will increase. If your assessment decreased by more than 6 per cent, you will see a decrease in your municipal taxes. Please note that regulated assessments are not subject

to the market value standard, and assessment changes may not be reflective of the average 2017 assessment changes for non-residential properties. The Provincial portion of the tax rate will impact your property taxes. This is not announced until spring. The Business Tax Consolidation will also impact your property taxes.

### Business Tax Consolidation

The City is phasing out the Business Tax through a gradual transfer of the business tax revenues to the non-residential property tax. Each year, business tax bills will go down and non-residential property tax bills will increase. The Business Tax will be eliminated in 2019. Consolidating the taxes into a single, easy to understand real estate-based assessment and tax system for non-residential property owners will make Calgary more competitive and attractive for business. Please note that Business Tax Consolidation will not impact your property/business assessment nor will it be reflected on your assessment notice. It will not increase the amount of revenues collected by The City.

### Customer Review Period

The Customer Review Period is from January 5th to March 6th, 2017. If you have any questions about your assessment, please contact 403-268-2888. Changes can only be made to your 2017 Property Assessment during the Customer Review Period.

The City offers online tools to help property owners understand and review their assessment. By logging into Assessment Search at [calgary.ca/assessment](http://calgary.ca/assessment), you can access details on your property to check and review the accuracy of the information The City has on file, and compare your assessment with other similar properties in your area to ensure your assessment is fair and equitable. You may also conduct more in-depth assessment research and can access sales, community and property reports.

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Dear Constituents:

As we enter the second month of the New Year, I am happy to mention that I am chairing the Caucus Budget Advisory Committee: it works closely with the Minister of Finance and provides assistance to the ministry to prepare the upcoming spring budget 2017. I am glad to have this leadership opportunity to provide my insight into the budget to serve Albertans' best interests.

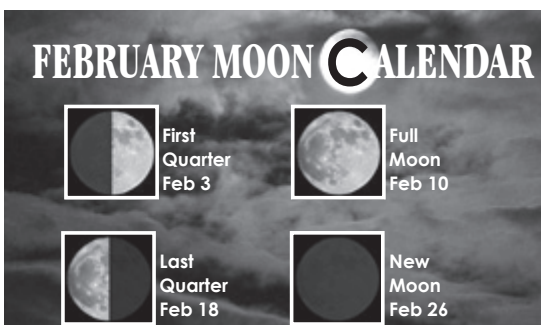
We are working hard towards job creation in our province: with new initiatives like the Energy Efficiency Program, the Alberta Investor Tax Credit and the Capital Investment Tax Credit, the Petrochemical Diversification Program and with capital investment in roads, hospitals and schools, you will begin to see the effects in our economy. Since August of 2016 the province has added 25,000 jobs.

#### • Two new facilities approved under the **Petrochemical Diversification Program.**

- These plants, for the first time in Alberta, will process propane extracted from natural gas resources into value-added plastic products that people all over the world use every day. Both plants will operate in the Edmonton area (Sturgeon County and Strathcona County).
- During construction of the Pembina/PIC petrochemical processing facility, there would be an average of 2,000 to 2,500 workers on site, with more than 150 full-time operations and head office jobs upon completion. Construction is expected to start in 2019, with the facility operating by 2021.
- The second project, by Inter Pipeline, will create 2,000 full-time equivalent jobs over the three year construction period. About 1,600 of those would be at the site and the rest would be in fabrication or module shops and engineering firms. An additional 95 full-time operations positions would be created upon project start-up. Construction is expected to start in 2017, with the facility operating in 2021.

#### • New wells drilled under **Modernized Royalty Framework**

- Since July, 129 new wells have been drilled in Alberta under the modernized royalty framework.
- Each new well supports 135 direct and indirect jobs and about \$4.5 million in spending.
- It was clear that the old method of confrontational politics of shouting at Ottawa and the other provinces, was not working to get Alberta better access to markets for our oil and gas products.
- We chose a different path and decided to build a plan that would protect our environment and build our energy economy. The pipeline approvals are proof that this plan worked: When Prime Minister Trudeau announced these pipeline approvals, he said, "Let me say this definitively, we could not have approved this project without the leadership of Premier Notley and Alberta's climate leadership plan."
- Starting in early 2017, **Energy Efficiency Alberta** will deliver a variety of programs and services for energy efficiency and small scale renewables.
  - Free installation of residential efficiency products such as lighting, water fixtures, and heating components in homes across Alberta.
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## **Market Update as of January 11, 2017**

9 Single family homes listed with a median list price of \$535,000

8 Condo Units listed with a median list price of \$199,900

## **Since December 7, 2016 there have been:**

4 Single Family home sales with a median sales price of \$547,000

1 Condo unit sales with median sales price of \$270,000

As we enter 2017, it is expected that we will see some stability return to the market. While growth will be slow due to high unemployment and the current economic conditions, we should find stability returning to home prices through the course of the year. Listing inventory has remained lower as some homeowners are choosing to stay in place or renovate their existing home. In Oakridge, inventory levels have remained around the average for the past year, however sales have slowed. There continues to be a lack of move in ready family homes of approx 2000 sq feet in attainable price ranges under \$800,000.

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