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Community Centre

Our facility is located at 2323 Palliser Dr. SW (adjacent to Nellie McClung School). Please call for office hours if you would like to stop by.

For rental inquiries: Call the office at 403-281-1908 or email pbpcam@pbpcommunity.ca. Check availability online at www.pbpcommunity.ca/hall-rentals.

For memberships, please see our membership page in the newsletter.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is easy to make a buck, but it is a lot tougher to make a difference. It was through the volunteer appreciation night where we were

able to acknowledge and celebrate those volunteers who are making a difference in our community. I want to personally thank all of the volunteer's, and especially Susan Podlog for organizing this wonderful event, it was a great success! This event would not have been possible without Susan's help, and the support of local businesses and individuals working in our community. I would like to acknowledge and say thanks to Anam Kazim, MLA for Calgary Glenmore, Councillor Brian Pincott of the City of Calgary, Calgary Co-op – Oakridge Store, Cococo Chocolatier Bernard Callebaut, Starbucks Glenmore Landing, COBS Bread Glenmore Landing, and J.Webb Wine Merchants, along with Safeway Glenmore landing, 1600 World Bier Haus Glenmore Landing, and Involtini Ristorante. Thanks to all who came out and attended. Our next upcoming social event is the Spring Wine and Cheese Social, there will be more details to come, but if anyone is interested in attending or volunteering to help organize please email president@ pbpcommunity.ca. This will be an excellent time to socialize and meet other members of the community.

The Calgary Community Spring Cleanup will be happening in our community on Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Every year the city of Calgary teams up with local community associations in order to help the residents of those communities properly and safely remove unwanted household items and waste. On top of the regular waste and organic materials, which the city packer trucks are able to accept, we have been able to organize the removal of items the trucks cannot accept. These items for removal include metal, electronics, tires, bicycle recycling, paper shredding, and charity pick-up services, along with other miscellaneous items such as car seats, paint, and car batteries etc. Further information about the Calgary Community Spring Cleanup has been sent out via the mailing list, and can be found on the City of Calgary website.

The Southwest Transitway Project has been a topic of discussion for many months now, and members

of the community may have concerns, questions, or opinions they would like voiced and heard. Because every opinion, concern, and question is important, I encourage all community members to attend upcoming public information sessions. A person might think their voice will not be heard, or their opinions and concerns on the project are not important; this could not be further from the truth. It is the right of every member of this community to have a voice, and what better place to have that voice heard than in an open forum and information session. These information sessions are an excellent opportunity to have questions answered, and if there is an aspect of this project a community member would like clarified, please attend these sessions. The following dates, times, and locations have been set for the Southwest Transitway public information sessions:

- March 8, 2016 5 p.m. 8 p.m. Southland Leisure Center, 2000 Southland Drive S.W.
- March 15, 2016 5 p.m. 8 p.m. Carriage House Inn, 9030 Macleod Trail South
- March 16, 2016 7 p.m. 9 p.m. Lakeview Community Association Hall, 6110 34 Street S.W.
- March 23, 2016 5 p.m. 8 p.m. Clearwater Academy, 2521 Dieppe Avenue S.W.

For further information about how to get involved, please be included in the mailing list, visit the City of Calgary website, or email president@pbpcommunity.ca.

I am not telling you it is going to be easy, I am telling you it is going to be worth it. The community association will be looking for new board members in the fall, and anyone interested is invited to attend a spring meeting to see what it is all about; for further information please contact me directly. I cannot express enough gratitude and thanks to all of the volunteers, and I encourage all community members to get involved. Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Even if it is one hour, one day a week, or an entire weekend, I want to thank everyone in the community who volunteers time in making this community a place to call home.

Yours truly, Sean Hayes, President

PROGRAMMING

Stay tuned for our Spring programming line-up launching soon!

Wednesday Adult Open Art Studio, runs from 12pm – 3pm. Please contact Fabienne at vladifab@ hotmail.com if you would like to attend.

Before and After School Care (in partnership with Sherpa Kids)

We are excited to announce a new before and after school program for all kids in the community, whatever school he/she attends. Full and part time space available, including drop-in, right here at the PBP community centre. Full time Spring Break Camp available! Open to ages 5-12. For more information and to register, please call 587-893-6771 or email Kendra@sherpakids.ca. No registration fee required.

Please check our website at facebook at www.facebook/pbpcommunity.ca or www.pbpcommunity. ca for more information on upcoming programs. We are always open to new suggestions as well!



11024 Braeside Drive SW

Braeside Community Centre Thursdays, 10:30 - 12:00 noon

Drop by – we're looking forward to meeting you!

For detailed info please call Norma at 403-246-3763

Why Volunteer for Your Community?

Would you like to reduce your stress? Would you like to improve your physical health? Would you like to clear your mind? Are you getting cabin fever already? Have you considered volunteering?

Volunteering your time is an excellent way to reach out to the community, share your skills and bring people together. But did you know that you will personally benefit as well? Not only does giving to others promote self-esteem, but it fills a void that often nags at our heart - a desire to become something more, to give back and help out.

You Can Make a Difference!

We are appealing to everyone to reach out and support the PBP Community through volunteering their time and skills. We have plenty of events, fundraisers and technical needs to fill every type of interest. We would love to benefit from your assistance and experience.

Check out our Public Event Calendar to see all that we will be involved in over the next couple of months. Is there anything there that interests you? We would love you to get you involved!

We are also looking for volunteers for the ice rink. This is a great opportunity for parents to spend time with their children while giving back to the community. Why not stop on down and see when you could volunteer to help out?

The board just approved a new Fundraising committee and it is recruiting individuals to join the team. This committee will be responsible for writing grants, organizing fundraisers and promoting community membership. If this interests you, please contact us for more information.

Finally, we are organizing volunteers to help with community clean up this spring. Community clean up is a very important event and is a great way to meet your neighbours and get some exercise and fresh air. Last year was big success and we are planning for this year to be just as much fun!

If You Are Interested in Volunteering

If you are interested in volunteering, we would love to hear from you. Feel free to stop by the office at 2323 Palliser Drive SW. You can also leave a message at 403-281-1908. Another option is to email us a message at pbpcam@pbpcommunity. ca. All of us on the Board of Directors would like to offer a sincere thank you in advance for your willing spirit. Thank you!

Get to Know Your PBPCA! The Role of the Board at **PBPCA**

We are happy to introduce a new series to our newsletter to help you as a resident get to know your Community Association! What our purpose is, how we operate and raise funds, and what you can do to actively participate.

The board of directors at the PBP Community Association work together as a unit to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the association. Board members are the fiduciaries of the organization, they ensure that PBP is moving towards a sustainable future by creating and maintaining sound policies, bylaws, financial management, and governance that will advance the mission of the community centre.

Our board at PBP consists of the executive committee comprised of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. As well as other director positions currently include a Civic Planning Director, Maintenance & Lifecycle Director, Technology Director, and several directors at large.

While the board is often involved in the day-to-day operations of the facility, their role is really to provide foresight, oversight, and insight. They are the big picture thinkers that oversee the lifecycle of the facility, our lease with the city, our operational budget, and all of our fundraising endeavours. The board is also involved in civic affairs ensuring that the community is kept informed of planning and development issues that affect residents.

The board of directors have three primary duties:

- Duty of Care: Ensure prudent use of all assets and provide oversight for all activities that advance PBP's effectiveness and sustainability
- Duty of Loyalty: Make decisions in the best interest of the community centre
- Duty of Obedience: Ensure that all applicable laws and acts are obeyed in accordance with ethical practices

Did you know that for all that they do board members receive no compensation for their work? They serve voluntarily and do not personally benefit from their service, other than the satisfaction of contributing to the viability of their community.

If you are interested in becoming involved with your community association at a board level please contact our president, Sean Hayes, at president@pbpcommunity.ca

Next month... How the PBPCA earns revenue.



Hall Rentals

Our large hall holds 75 people and board room 35. Space available for socials, anniversaries, weddings, fitness classes, play groups and club meet ups. Contact Lola at 403-474-3845 or email pbphallrentals@ gmail.com and check us out our availability calendar at www.pbpcommunity.ca.





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Volunteers Needed!

We are also searching for engaged community members to be actively involved with the PBP Community Centre. Upcoming volunteer opportunities include:

- Community Clean Up General Volunteers to help out the day of the event with set up, memberships, and directing traffic
- Fundraising Committee Members to assist with writing grants and other fundraising initiatives
- Events Committee Members to help with planning and running events throughout the year. We are currently starting to plan Summerfest set to take place in September of 2016.

Volunteering does not have to be a big time commitment! If you have even an hour to spare and would like to help out we would love to hear from you. Please contact Samantha at pbpcam@pbpcommunity.ca or 403-281-1908 if you would like to add your name to our volunteer roster.



As part of a new series in PBP Matters we will introduce you to volunteers at your community association making a difference! If you would like to share some of your time and talents with us we would love your help - contact pbpcam@pbpcommunity.ca to volunteer with us.

March Volunteer Profile: Anjli Acharya



Anjli Acharya is the current Vice President for the PBP Community Association board of directors. Anjli first became involved with the community association when her neighbours were organizing one of the community events, and she saw an opportunity to lend a hand and contribute to the events success. From there her involvement grew and she recognized a need for community members to step up and contribute at the board level.

Her experience in other board positions has been invaluable to the community association in providing expertise on policies and governance. Anjli's past experience includes being the current Vice Chair of Nellie

McClung PAC, the current Vice President of N.A.P.R.A, a member of CATMAT, and the former President of the Alberta College of Pharmacists.

Anjli finds volunteering to be a rewarding way to be involved in your community. Her favourite part of being involved with PBP is knowing she has done her best to contribute to the community in a positive way and give back. Anjli says that she has the luxury of working part time, which means that she has the opportunity to spend time improving her community, school, and her career. Not everyone may have as much time, but there are small ways to get involved and make a difference.

For Anjli the most challenging part of volunteering is prioritizing her involvement. She finds that there are so many things that she would like to see done, and so much that could be accomplished, but there are often challenges with having even people, time, or funds to complete goals. There is no limit to what we can accomplish as a team!

Anjli would encourage others who want to get involved to start small. Find something that you are passionate about and start there. If you love hockey, perhaps you want to join the rink rat crew or organize a family skate day. Maybe you have an idea for a great community event and want to start a subcommittee to plan and organize it. The PBP board of directors is happy to help you make your idea a reality.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

PBP Community Association is so grateful to all our amazing volunteers who allow us to offer a free, public skating rink, quality events and programs, and a clean and inviting community space. No act of service is too small.







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Receipts will be mailed or emailed. Membership terms and conditions available at www.pbpcommunity.ca.

Dear SW Calgary Neighbours,

Join thousands of Calgarians and sign the petition that asks City Council to reconsider the SW Transitway & Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Go to our website www.readytoengage.ca to find out more on where to sign the petition and get involved.



Will the SW Transitway be cancelled?

We are asking City Council to reconsider this costly project. The SW Transitway & BRT has never been properly debated at City Council, was passed on a deficient preliminary engineering report, has not had adequate consultation with affected landowners, was misrepresented at Council and has been inactive for the past 5 years. Most residents alongside the route had never even heard of the project until ready to engage! brought it to their attention.

Does the City care what I think?

Actions speak louder than words. The City seems intent on ramming this project through regardless of the legitimate concerns about safety, construction chaos and budget overruns that the public has. The City has no intention of meaningfully consulting with impacted individuals or changing its plans regardless of concerns expressed. The Mayor and ward Councillors have repeatedly said City Council is "done" and the project will be proceeding. We disagree.

Will parks be removed? What about parking?

The City has stated that all construction will be contained within road right-of-ways and City owned land. Road right-of-ways include meridians, shoulders, and berms/green space along streets. The City of Calgary owns the majority of the parks and recreational fields and dog parks that are found throughout the city. Green spaces and parks the public now enjoy will be removed and replaced with asphalt, concrete, and bus platforms along the route. Increased traffic and parking in communities will come with BRT commuters. Parking lots could eventually be built along the route to accommodate commuters.

Why not wait for the SW Ring Road?

The SW Ring Road will be available at approximately the same time as the proposed SW Transitway & BRT and will provide extensive relief to traffic congestion along 14th Street making this project a waste of taxpayer dollars. Existing public transit service along this route already exceeds demand. Many buses running on 14 Street SW, 24 Street SW, 90 Avenue SW and on Southland Drive SW are currently running far below their passenger capacity. The City has stated that the BRT will serve students going to Mount Royal University shortening their length of travel. Adding a direct bus route to Mount Royal University would be a much more cost effective use of taxpayer money versus a full blown SW BRT.

Will the City be doing Transit Oriented Development (TOD) at the SW Transitway bus stations?

When asked whether transit oriented developments are likely around all BRT stations, Mac Logan, General Manager of Transportation at The City of Calgary stated, "Intensification around every bus stop? Yes, eventually." (CBC Eyeopener, Jan 8, 2016). Private Landowners are being encouraged by the City to use Transit Oriented Development principles. This means there will eventually be densification around each BRT transit stop. A motion put forward by Councillor Pincott directing the City staff to work with the owners of Glenmore Landing to facilitate the sale of city land for development was passed by City Council. This purchase will allow for a high density development on the site replacing 5.4 acres of City-owned green space which we all enjoy today.

We are *ready to engage!* - concerned citizens who have joined together to give SW Calgarians and other stakeholders a voice on the City's SW Transitway and Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. We are in support of well-planned, efficient and cost-effective public transit improvements for all Calgarians.

Information published by ready to engage! is sourced from City publications and the City website



Residents of partnered communities' pay 20% less for memberships than those who reside outside partnered communities. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see www.tricocentre.ca to find out more.

March at Trico Centre

Trico Centre for Family Wellness is a non-profit, community-owned and operated recreation facility. Our memberships are affordable and our programs are family-friendly. With a membership, you can work out in the fitness centre, take more than 70-drop-in fitness classes a week, use the gymnasium, swim, skate, or play shinny, plus you get 20% off our fun, active registered programs.

Residents of communities partnered with Trico Centre (yours!) pay 20% less for a Trico Centre membership with presentation of a community association membership or payment of the Community Support Fee (which is sent to your community association.)

Pool Refurbishment

After 33 years in operation, Trico Centre's Aquatics Centre is undergoing a major refurbishment. This project will address lifecycle issues, improve health and safety components, and take the Aquatics Centre into the next 10 to15 years. The Aquatics Centre including pool, hot tub, and slide will be CLOSED starting February 19. Trico Centre is very excited about the new enhancements and can't wait to share the progress with you. We will be hosting a pool grand opening, so watch for details.

Price Freeze

Recession-busting price freeze in effect at Trico Centre on memberships, admissions, and program fees. No increase until September 2016.

Adults

- More than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week.
 Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members. See the Drop-In Fitness schedule at www.tricocentre.ca under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.
- Foam Roller Workshop: March 5 from 1-2:30pm Members \$23, non-members \$30.

Older Adults

Many of the more than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week are specifically designed for older adults:
 Check out Be Fit Age Well, Fit 'n Fab, and our numer-

- ous yoga options. Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members. See the Drop-In Fitness schedule at www.tricocentre.ca under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.
- Drop-in Pickleball is offered several times a week. Check out the Drop-In Gym schedule (available on the website or at Guest Services.) Free for members or drop-in fee for non-members.

Families, Children & Youth

- Spring Break Day Camps: Half and full-day daily camps for 6-12 yrs from March 21 to 24 and March 28 to April 1. Plus weekly camps from March 21-24: Little Springer (4-5 yrs); Adventure Spring Break Camps (6-12 yrs.)
- Check out the Drop-In Gym schedule for drop-in gym, Drop-In Playtime, Drop-In Gymnastics, youth drop-in gym, and more. See the Drop-In Arena schedule for lots of cool activities including leisure skate, adult shinny, youth shinny, women's shinny, and stick & puck.

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- Saturday May 14 9am 9pm Back by popular demand! Shop to the musical sounds of **Midnight Blue** with cash wine bar 7 – 9pm.
- Sunday May 15 9am 1pm

 Other special activities during the Big Book Sale will be announced on our website as they confirm: calgaryreads.com.

Donate books: We welcome donation of adult and children books for the book sale! (We do not accept encyclopaedias, text books, Harlequin Romances, Readers' Digests, book tapes, VHS, cassettes, 8-tracks or magazines.)

Book collection locations, dates and times:

At Calgary Food Bank, 5000, 11th Street SE, Calgary:

- Monday to Thursday April 25 to 28 drop off at Door #3 from 8:30am - 7pm
- Friday, April 29 drop off at Door #3 from 8:30am 3:30pm

At Calgary Curling Club, 720 3rd St. NW, Calgary:

- Thursday to Sunday May 3 to May 6 from 9am 7pm sharp
- Monday and Tuesday May 7 and 8 from 9am 4 pm sharp

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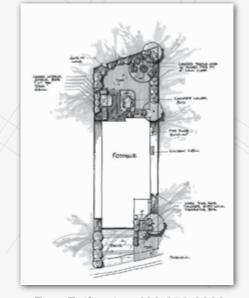


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Friday Night Dance Party - March 18 from 7:15-10:00pm.

Admission to the Party includes a dance lesson (primary movements, rhythmic structure, posture, leading and following), social dance, as well as refreshments. No Partner Required!

Wednesday Soccer Drop

Age: All ages

Soccer in the gymnasium. Please supply your own soccer ball.

Tuesday, Mar 22 - 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m- 8:30 p.m. - Family Easter Craft & Cookies Celebrate Easter. Drop-in to our lobby.

Calgary AfterSchool

Cost: Free **Ages:** 11 – 15

Day: Monday to Thursday, 3 – 6 pm and Fridays, 1 – 5 pm

South Calgary Youth Council (SCYC)

Meetings are held once a month, October - June, along with additional volunteer opportunities.

Fridays, 7:30 to 10 p.m. Youth Night Friday nights have taken an active twist! Come with your friends and join us in the Sport Hall for a variety of youth exclusive sports including basketball, badminton, dodgeball, soccer and much more. General youth admission applies.

Volunteer Opportunities

Southland welcomes volunteers, 13 years old to seniors, to assist in a variety of programs and activities throughout the year.

Drop-in Preschool Programs

Check out some of our drop-in preschool programs including Kinder Room, Friday Funtime, Kinderschool, Snug and Tot's Gym Time.

Drop-in Climbing and Gymnastics

Come have some fun and unique experiences in our rock wall climbing and gymnastics gym drop-in times. All equipment is provided and instructors are present to guide you.

Drop-in Badminton and Basketball

Every Sunday, 8 am to noon. Family Swim Adults must be accompanied by a child and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Regular admission applies.

Babysitting Room

Mon - Wed 8:30am - 8:15 pm, Thursday 8:30am -8:00 pm, Fri 8:30am-6pm, Sat & Sun 8:30 am - 12:30pm. Reasonable rates for a well deserved break!

March Break Day Camps

Check out the City of Calgary Recreation program guide on stands or online at www.calgary.ca/recreation for lots of great day camp programs over March/April Break.

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Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting Register Now

Tuesday mornings, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm for 8 weeks. Next session is April 12 – May 31 2016. Program offered free of charge and includes program materials, child minding, coffee, and snacks.

Children have the right to protection from physical punishment and to positive discipline that respects their dignity. In this wonderfully affirming program, parents of children 0 – 18 years will learn the four principles of positive discipline: setting goals; creating a positive home climate; understanding how children think and feel; and problem solving in challenging situations. Parents will practice their skills in hands-on exercises and learn to apply these principles across a wide range of situations. The result will be a positive relationship with your child that will last a lifetime.

This program is facilitated by the SWCRC's social workers. To register, please call Marylou Breig at 403-238-9222 ext. 225 or Aynsley Walsh at 403-238-9222 ext. 224.

Parent Talk - Register Now

Thursday mornings, 10:00 – 11:30, January 21 to March 31 2016. Free child-minding, coffee, and snacks. Parenting tip sheets and children's books to take home.

This free program is open to all parents of babies and young children.

- Enjoy the company and support of other parents
- Give your children some supervised play time
- Get your parenting questions answered with the help of facilitators from the Further Education Society
- Help your young children learn and develop their potential

You can register and start the program anytime over the 11 weeks of the session. Attend as many weeks as you can. To register, call the SWCRC at 403-238-9222.

Neighbours Helping Neighbours

Calgary's economic downturn is hitting people hard. The baby and personal care items we have in stock are dwindling rapidly. We are in need of the following to share: newborn and sizes 1 to 6 diapers and pull-ups, formula and baby shampoo; for children, youth and adults shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste tooth brushes, bar soap (Dove recommended), feminine hygiene products, deodorant, disposable razors, men's shaving cream.

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SWCRC is expanding its parenting education programming. To support the participation of low income and socially isolated parents, we would like to offer free child care for the parents' young children. As a member of our team of Parenting Group Assistants, you will care for the children by providing a safe, loving and fun environment in which to play, socialize and learn. The time commitment is approximately 2 ½ hours, 9:30 – noon, either Tuesdays or Thursdays.

It takes a village to raise a child. Your passion for kids, and your desire to contribute your knowledge and experience towards a community effort to optimize children's social, emotional, and intellectual development, will inspire you to contact the SWCRC for more information about this important volunteer role. Call 403-238-9222 ext. 222.

Tutoring Program

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the SWCRC. Offered free of charge to students in grades 4 – 12. Registration is on-going throughout the school year.

This program is for students who are struggling with a particular subject(s) and who could make better progress in understanding concepts or improving grades given more individual attention. Qualified volunteer tutors assist students. This is not a homework club. Students must have problems or assignments to work on with the tutors. For more information and to register, please call 403-238-9222 ext. 223.

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Our schools welcome students and families from every background and from all over the world, and we foster healthy and respectful relationships where diversity is celebrated. Students, staff and school communities share the responsibility of cultivating environments that welcome everyone and provide opportunities to thrive in life and learning. This includes ensuring we create safe, caring environments for gender and sexual minority youth.

This responsibility is reflected in our mission, in our Results polices and Three-Year Education Plan. It is also expressed in law, in the School Act and Alberta Human Rights Act.

Alberta Education recently released guidelines to ensure school boards create learning environments that specifically respect diverse sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. All school boards have been asked to use these best practices to develop or update their own policies, regulations and procedures related to creating these learning environments.

The provincial guidelines are aligned with many of the practices already in place in CBE schools to protect and care for all students. The CBE is working on developing its own guidelines, which must be completed by the end of March, 2016.

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EMS: Burns and Scalds

Alberta Health Services EMS paramedics respond to a number of emergencies where a young child has sustained severe burns, or scalds. These incidents often occur inside the child's own home. Common causes include: a child accidentally tipping hot liquids onto themselves, touching a hot surface, or making contact with an electrical outlet. Fortunately, incidents such as these can be avoided by taking preventative measures.

Degrees of burn

1°: Affects only the top layers of the skin; appears red like a sun burn: discomfort is generally tolerable:

2°: Deeper and much more painful than 1°burns; broken skin or blisters commonly develop;

3°: Severe: the deepest layers of skin and tissue are injured; may appear charred or leathery.

First Aid for burns

- Skin may continue to burn if not aggressively cooled. Immediately douse burns with large amounts of cold
- · Cover the burn with a sterile dressing, or any clean material to protect from infection;
- Over the counter medications may be used for pain. Adhere to directions given on the label;
- Seek further medical attention, as required.

Prevention of burns

- Check the temperature of your hot water tank. Temperatures as high as 60°C / 140°F will scald a child in iust seconds:
- Use placemats instead of tablecloths. Tablecloths can be vanked downward causing hot drinks, or food to spill on a child:
- Turn pot handles to the back of the stove and ensure cords from kettles, slow cookers, and other electrical appliances cannot be reached:
- Avoid picking up a child while holding any hot liquids;
- Ensure electrical outlets are made secure by installing commercially available safety devices which prohibit
- If able, have children avoid the kitchen area while appliances are operational.
- If you require immediate medical attention, call 9-1-1.

YYC and NAV CANADA Open House Meetings December 2015 and January 2016

Several representatives from YYC and NAV CANADA hosted open houses this past December and January to communicate proposed changes to current flight paths at the north and south ends of the city (RNP Approaches). We would like to thank YYC, NAV CANADA and everyone who came out to learn and voice concerns.

These open houses were focused on RNP flight paths, but the key interest to many attendees was the original 2014 flight path changes, and seeking options to address the noise impact that high frequency, low flying planes are having on communities.

The following are two options that were frequently voiced, and ideas we would like to have further discussions with NAV and YYC to reduce the constant impact to West Calgary communities:

- 1. Spread the flights out across many communities rather then substantially impacting just some (similar to the previously spread out paths prior to 2014). As global aviation transitions to concentrated flight paths, this is the direction NAV CANADA is instructed to proceed. Therefore, the "spread out" solution is currently not being explored. We believe this is the fairest long-term solution to this issue, which is occurring in many cities across Canada and the world.
- 2. Utilize less populated areas for flights when possible. NAV CANADA stated this is difficult for our area due to the conflict between arriving and departing flights. NAV CANADA's explanation was difficult to visualize and understand. We would like to see fully explored studies involving this.

Attendees brought up the topic of legal compensation if a solution was not identified. Lawsuits exist in the US over the introduction of concentrated flight paths, and legal settlements have been awarded in Europe. To avoid this, YYC is very open to hearing concerns and suggestions. A satisfactory outcome is more likely if residents actively vocalize their concerns. To do this, visit www.yyc.com or www.wcatc.ca.

A solution is required, as air traffic over West Calgary will increase in the future. This is not an easy issue, but it is not impossible to come to a fair compromise to solve the negative effects of air space change. This will require the aviation industry to listen to communities, achieve a better understanding of life under concentrated flight paths, to fully understand the effects on physical/mental health, and the real cost to property/domestic life. We encourage NAV CANADA to become world leaders in this and successfully find safe solutions for everyone in the air, as well as on the ground.

West Calgary Air Traffic Concerns www.wcatc.ca

& AROUND

St. Gerard School

What fun our students had in February celebrating a week-long Carnival! A special thanks to the teachers and support staff of St. Gerard School for providing students with an opportunity to eat taffy on snow, dress like a Coureur de Bois, participate in carnival games and engage in traditional French Canadian music.

Important Dates for March:

March 7-11: Artist in Residence Gail Bartel (grades K-6) March 17: Parent Teacher Interviews 5-8pm March 18: Parent Teacher Interviews 9am-3pm March 24: Holy Thursday. 12pm dismissal March 25 - April 3: Spring Break

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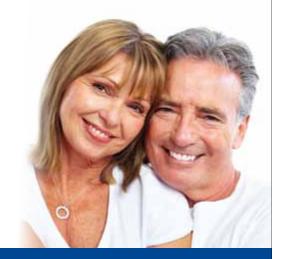
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My team and I are being asked where the City is in the process of creating a SW Transitway. While we have worked to clarified some of the misinformation in the community before, we hope the questions and answers below will help address further questions and outline the upcoming project path.

Will the SW Transitway be cancelled?

The SW Transitway will be proceeding. Council voted unanimously for the idea in 2011, and now the transportation project team at The City is working on the detailed design phase while addressing questions they have heard. As this project has been approved by City Council all final decisions will be made by the Project Team and their colleagues.

Why not wait for the Ring Road?

While the Ring Road is expected to alleviate some of the traffic issues on 14th street, Glenmore, and Crowchild, it does not address the needs of all. The Ring Road is a provincial highway that is intended to bypass communities and as such does not work for transit. The SW Transitway is very specifically about improving transit for SW communities and increasing transportation options to move people through the city. The two projects, while complementary to one another, address different needs and serve different users.

I keep seeing TOD. What is a TOD?

TOD stands for Transit Oriented Development. It is an urban planning term that means the placement of buildings, walkways, and houses within a community take into consideration the ability of residents and visitors to access transit. This typically means greater density development in the area immediately beside these stations. The goal with TOD is to remove the need to use a private vehicle to connect to transit.

Will the City be doing TOD at the SW Transitway bus stations?

No. The City's TOD policy refers only to the development of City owned land surrounding LRT stations, or at BRT stations where an LRT is planned to be in the future. The SW Transitway is NOT planned as a precursor to an LRT line. The City will not be applying its TOD policy to these

stations, nor does the City own large tracts of land in the area.

Brian brought a Notice of Motion to Council last year, regarding Glenmore Landing. What was that all about?

Glenmore Landing sits on privately owned land. While the landowner, Rio-Can, has not submitted any redevelopment applications to the City as of February 1, 2016, they have made it clear that they intend to do so in the future. Brian's Notice of Motion directed the City to work with the landowner as much as possible to avoid excessive construction disruption to the community and enable smart planning decisions to be made by both parties. The Notice of Motion can be found on the Ward 11 website.

If you would like more information, please see www.calgary.ca/swtransitway, and remember to sign up to receive updates from your Ward 11 office at www.calgary. ca/ward11.





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Learn more about your Calgary Catholic School District Board of Trustees!

The month of March means the start of spring and a time of renewal during our Lenten season. Here at Calgary Catholic, spring brings a focus on our annual budget. While the budget process happens throughout the year and is a standing item at every Calgary Catholic Board Meeting, spring is a time when we begin to finalize details of our operating budget for the following year. Below are a few points about our process:

- The 2016-2017 District Operating Budget document will be a financial plan for the district for the fiscal year that runs from September 1, 2016 through to August 31, 2017.
- The district budget process begins early in the year and involves gathering essential financial information, consulting with stakeholders, making appropriate decisions on new and existing expenditures and ensuring staffing decisions are made as expeditiously as possible.
- Calgary Catholic utilizes software called Thought Exchange to engage our parents, staff and students on a large scale, so they are able to provide input on budget priorities. If you are a Catholic rate-payer that does not currently have children in the Catholic school system, you are encouraged to participate in the process by sending an email to thoughtexchange@cssd.ab.ca.
- We are a people-focused organization and employ over 5,000 staff members. Eighty cents of every dollar we spend goes to salary and benefits. A further significant portion of our budget goes to fixed costs like contractors, insurance and utilities. We will be opening up to four new schools in 2016/2017 and up to six new schools in 2017/2018 and resourcing for those schools also needs to be included in this budget.
- The district budget is prepared by administration in accordance with board policies, linkage with district vision statements and provincial goals and in support of the district three-year plan.
- The Board of Trustees is involved at every stage of the process and ultimately approves the budget which will be submitted to the Minister of Education. Budget approval generally occurs in May or June every year. However, timing is dependent on when the government releases their budget.
- We always work to present a budget that is balanced and allows us to continue to provide the best possible teaching and learning environment for our students and staff.



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First of all, I would like to thank you for being excellent stewards of our Glenmore constituency and society as a whole. The more I am getting to know you, the more amazed I am and very proud to have the opportunity to be your MLA as well as represent you in the AB Legislature.

I aspire to be your best advocate and represent you in all ways possible. Therefore, I invite your continuous feedback regarding government services/ministries through our constituency office.

Recently, the following concerns have been brought to my attention and I would like to address them as follows:

BRT: This project is municipal and not a provincial project as it is under the jurisdiction of the City of Calgary. The Alberta Government introduced The Green Transit Incentives Program (GreenTRIP) and committed \$2 Billion by 2020/21 towards the program. The purpose of the program is to allow municipalities all over the province to provide sustainable public transit alternatives. As posted in Calgary Herald, "Transportation Minister Brian Mason said the province would use \$187 million from the GreenTRIP fund to boost public transit in Calgary, Airdrie, Canmore and Banff." Calgary received \$162 Million to perform LRT electrical upgrades and invest in bus rapid transit and transitway projects. The province allocated \$47 million to two bus rapid lines, one in the north and one in the south and another \$92 million earmarked for transitways in the southwest and along 17th Avenue southeast. The City then decided how these funds can be utilized to specific BRT projects, and the BRT project on 14th street. SW is one of the specific projects. Therefore, the province has no involvement in this particular project and all the communication in regards to this project has to occur between the residents and the city. For more details on how these funds were allocated, please refer to the Calgary Herald article: www.calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/provinceannounces-187-million-in-greentrip-funding-forcalgary-outlying-communities.

Gender Neutrality in Schools: The purpose of the new mandate as introduced by the Government of Alberta is to ensure that no child feels unsafe in school because of issues related to gender identity, expression or if they identify as transgender. The Government of Alberta is supporting the school boards to design strategies to create a safe environment for students so that no child's safety is jeopardized. The parents will be involved throughout this process and will be continuously engaged with the school boards to discuss the strategies. Especially, the parents with children below the age of 16 will be continuously informed and involved with the school boards for the best available options for their children; the ultimate goal is to ensure that the needs of all children in our schools are met. Please contact your respective school board directly for further details on parental engagement on this policy.

The Legislative Assembly Spring Session: The starting date of the legislative assembly session has been changed and will begin from March 8, ending in mid-June.

Community Events: Also, I would like to mention that due to frequent changes in my schedules for trips to Edmonton, at times I am unable to attend the community events even if I have confirmed to attend them. In such cases, I ensure that at least one of my assistants Janice and/or Jonathan attends the event on my behalf to present my thoughts to you. I highly appreciate your understanding when these situations occur.

Once again, thank you very much! Please keep in touch as I always look forward to hearing from you.



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