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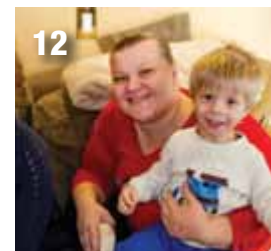
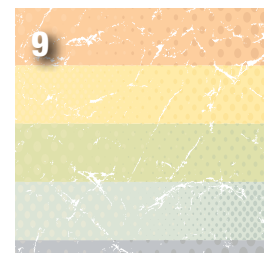
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hard to believe it is May already. Work has been taking place on our website, work on our community gardens will soon begin, there is soccer and lots of things happening throughout the neighborhood.

Now that the weather is getting warmer and we are starting to venture out of doors, please remember to be aware of your surroundings. Make sure you relock house, garage after working outside and also make sure your car doors are locked as well. Make sure your tools are in good working order and use them safely.

Also, be aware there will be more cyclists sharing the road with motorists so everyone please be courteous and follow the rules of the road.

Till next month.

Kim Stainsby  
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## RKHCA Drop-in Play Group

Pre-School fun twice a week at the Community Hall

The play group has been a community tradition for over 30 years. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers are welcome to drop by the community hall every Tuesday and Thursday between 9:30 and 11:30 am with pre-school aged children. Activities include crafts, singing, circle time, and outdoor play in the fenced playground.

The play group takes a summer break during the months of July and August. We welcome Grace who will be starting as a new playgroup volunteer in September. Please contact Elena at 403-992-1050 or email info@richmondknobhill.ca for more information.

## 2017 Garden Plot Rentals

Garden plot renewals available online April 1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. New rentals available Apr 16<sup>th</sup>-Apr 30<sup>th</sup> based on availability. Plot Rental: \$25.00/season

Renters must have a current RKHCA membership and commit to minimum 5 hours service to garden maintenance: compost turnover, path weeding, community orchard weeding & planting, water capture, etc. Membership: \$20/family, \$10/single or Associate, \$5/senior

Memberships and garden plot registration are available online at <http://www.richmondknobhill.ca>.



## Richmond Knob Hill has been selected as a 2017 Re-tree YYC community.

What does this mean?

It means the City of Calgary has targeted our community for pruning of existing public trees and planting new public trees. It also means City Parks and the Calgary Horticultural Society have partnered to deliver public education seminars on tree care and planting on private property.

Register online through Eventbrite for the Re-tree YYC tree care and gardening seminars. Registration links available on the richmondknobhill.ca website under the Events tab - Re-treeYYC. Space is limited.

**Stretch Your Roots: Guided Walk**

Thursday, May 4th 6:30-8:00pm @ RKH Skate Shack

**Pruning & Disease 101**

Thursday, May 11th 6:30-8:00pm @ RKH Skate Shack

**The Under Story**

Thursday, May 18th 6:30-8:00pm @ RKH Skate Shack

**Gardening with Trees & Shrubs in Mind**

Thursday, May 25th 6:30-8:00pm @ RKH Skate Shack

The Re-tree YYC team will have an information booth at our Earth Day Fair on April 22nd 11:00am to 2:00pm at the RKH Community Hall (2433 26 Ave SW). Drop by with your questions and learn more about what's planned for summer 2017.

# RKHCA COMMUNITY NEWS



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## Volunteer for Playgroup

We're looking for 2 patient and creative volunteers that enjoy spending time with kids to run the RKHCA playgroups.

The play group has been a community tradition for over 30 years. It is an opportunity for parents, grandparents, and caregivers with pre-school aged children to drop by the community hall. Activities include crafts, singing, circle time, and outdoor play in the fenced playground. The program has been run in the past every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30am to 11:30.

### Past volunteers were Moms

- Looking to get involved in the community,
- Wanting to meet other moms and caregivers
- Moms wanting to get their kids involved with kids their age in the area.

### Responsibilities include

- Keeping track of attendees and registration fees
- Stocking up on juice, coffee, replacement toys
- Opening the community centre, welcoming newcomers
- Setting up a selection of toys, setting up a craft or colouring or play dough station, story reading and singing songs with all the children
- Setting up tables and chairs for adults & children for snack time
- Organising a rotation with parents/caregivers to provide snack & make coffee
- Cleaning up
- Locking up the community centre

In the past, the volunteers would organise special guests such as Santa, a librarian for story time before holidays.

Please contact us on [info@richmondknobhill.ca](mailto:info@richmondknobhill.ca) if you think this could be something you would want to help the community with.

## Treasurer Position

Are you an accountant looking for a volunteer opportunity? Good with numbers? Love debits and credits?

Are you a resident wanting to give back?

Come join a fantastic group of people that work towards making our community a place to have fun - a place to think big - a place to call home!

The Richmond Knob Hill Community Association will be looking for a new Treasurer at the June AGM.

Our Treasurer of 4 years is coming to the end of her term.

If you are interested in learning more feel free to contact Sandy Shanks at [info@richmondknobhill.ca](mailto:info@richmondknobhill.ca)



The 18th Scouts will be selling tomato plants as their annual spring fundraiser. This year funds raised will be going to support the Bowron Lakes summer camp. There are 4 varieties of plants including San Marzano Lampadina, Gardener's Delight, Early Cascade, and Old German. The plants sell for \$3 each and can be purchased at <http://calgary18th.com/scoutstarts>. Pick up will most likely be on Saturday May 13 at the scout hall (1919 19th St SW) but the exact date will be posted on [calgary18th.com](http://calgary18th.com) closer to the date. Thanks for the support!



## BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Directors for the Richmond/Knob Hill Community Association meets on the second Wednesday of every month starting at 7:00pm, in the Skate Shack

# PAINT THE PAVEMENT 2017

It's time for Richmond Knob Hill's 7th Annual Paint the Pavement event!

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24th  
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For more information or volunteer opportunities, please contact Jessica at [info@richmondknobhill.ca](mailto:info@richmondknobhill.ca)  
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# DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

## Southwest Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update

In April members of the RKHCA Development Committee, as well as representatives from our neighbouring communities of Killarney/Glengarry, Rutland Park/Currie Barracks and South Calgary/Altadore/Garrison Woods and from the Marda Loop Business Improvement Association (BIA) met with representatives from Calgary Transit to receive an update on the Southwest BRT, and provide feedback thereon. If you participated in the City's online public engagement process for the Southwest BRT back in February/March you may have noticed some of the same things that gave us cause for concern, including:

1. Although the route map still showed a red "station" dot at the Crowchild Trail and 33 Avenue SW interchange (the "33 Avenue Stations"), that dot was now labelled as the Currie Barracks station, instead of as the Marda Loop station, and there was no longer a red "station" dot in Currie Barracks; and
2. Despite the fact that the website indicated that construction of the portion of the route north of Glenmore Trail would begin this year, there was still no information to be found regarding various key issues relating to the 33 Avenue Stations, including:
  - a. exactly where the NB and SB stations would be located, and what they would look like;
  - b. what changes, if any, would be made to the Crowchild Trail and 33 Avenue SW interchange to make it safer and more comfortable for Southwest BRT users to walk and cycle across;
  - c. whether secure bike parking would be available at the 33 Avenue Stations; and
  - d. exactly where the new Quesnay Woods Drive coming north out of Currie Barracks would intersect with 33 Avenue SW, and what type of intersection it would be.

We feel that well designed and conveniently located BRT stations at the Crowchild Trail and 33 Avenue SW interchange are key to supporting the higher-density and mixed-use development that is planned for the Marda Loop business district — we want all those Marda Loop area residents and employees to have convenient access to high-quality transit so that they don't all feel the need to drive cars to and from home and work in Marda Loop. We also feel that convenient access to

high-quality transit in Currie Barracks is critically important to minimize the traffic impact of the thousands of people that will soon live and work in that new high-density mixed use community. So, what were we to take from the disappearance of the red "station" dot in Currie Barracks and the renaming of the red "station" dot at Crowchild Trail and 33 Avenue SW — was the City looking to save money by locating a single pair of BRT stations part way between Marda Loop and Currie Barracks, instead of giving each activity centre its own pair of stations? If so, then neither activity centre would end up with convenient access to high-quality transit, with the result that most residents and workers in both areas would end up driving, making area traffic and parking congestion even worse.

The updated information presented at the meeting included the following:

1. The current plan is to have the Southwest BRT up and running by the end of 2018;
2. There are still plans for Currie Barracks to have its own BRT stations at Quesnay Woods Drive and Flanders Avenue, and for Quesnay Woods Drive to be extended north to intersect with 33 Avenue SW, but given the current economic conditions those portions of the Southwest BRT route will be deferred until sufficient development has been constructed and occupied in Currie Barracks to warrant it;
3. Until such time as Currie Barracks comes "on line" and the Quesnay Woods Drive extension has been built, the Southwest BRT buses will bypass that area and instead use the new Flanders interchange to travel between the 33 Avenue Stations and the Mount Royal University stations;
4. The NB 33 Avenue Station will:
  - a. located part way down the ramp from 33 Avenue SW onto NB Crowchild Trail, adjacent to the "bulb" at the end of 32 Avenue SW;
  - b. located on the Crowchild Trail side of the sound wall and accessed through a gap in the sound wall located part way between the station and 33 Avenue SW;
  - c. have a partially open/partially sheltered design, and include one or more bike racks; and
  - d. be constructed in early 2018;

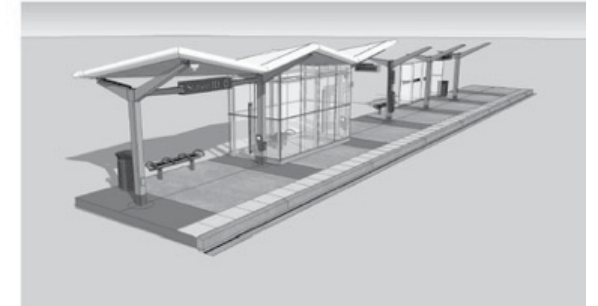
5. The SB 33 Avenue Station will:
  - a. be located on WB 33 Avenue SW, 1/2 block or so west of the Crowchild Trail interchange;
  - b. have the same partially open/partially sheltered design, and include one or more bike racks; and
  - c. not be constructed until Currie Barracks comes "on line" and the Quesnay Woods Drive extension has been built, so until that time SB BRT buses will use the existing bus stop at the top of the ramp from SB Crowchild Trail to 33 Avenue SW;
6. No changes are currently contemplated to make the Crowchild Trail and 33 Avenue SW interchange safer and more comfortable for pedestrians or cyclists to cross; and
7. In terms of parking restrictions on the streets adjacent to the 33 Avenue Stations the plan is to "wait and see" to what extent complaints are received from the residents in those areas once the Southwest BRT is up and running.

Our feedback to Calgary Transit included stressing the importance of both Marda Loop and Currie Barracks having convenient access to high-quality transit and expressing concern that the proposed locations of the 33 Avenue Stations (particularly the SB station, which will be in the middle of nowhere and require BRT users to cross two dangerous right slip lanes to get to or from the Marda Loop business district) and the lack of any plan to make the Crowchild Trail and 33 Avenue SW interchange safer and more comfortable for people to walk and cycle across, will make it less likely for Marda Loop residents and workers to use it, leading to more cars and congestion on our streets. We asked Jeff Speck the author of the bestselling book "Walkable City: How Downtown Can Save America, One Step at a Time" about incorporating BRT stations into a freeway interchange adjacent to a Main Street and he recommended that the stations be located very close to the Main Street, so that the walk to it was excellent and not exposed to the freeway — we are concerned that the current plan will not achieve those key objectives.

Unless you never leave your house, this issue will affect your day-to-day life as this area continues to densify, so we encourage you to become engaged and make your thoughts on this issue known to Calgary Transit, to the current Ward 8 and Ward 11 Councillors, and to all candidates for Councillor in the new Ward 8 (with its adjusted boundaries) in the upcoming 2017 municipal election.

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- Feeling alone, Being new to Canada, caring for twins and triplets.
- Parenting and/or family stresses, Post-partum depression, Illness in the family,
- Raising several children under the age of 5.

### What does a Home-Start volunteer do?

- Visits a family's home once per week
- Provides support, friendship and encouragement
- Gets the family involved with the local community
- Shares their own experiences of parenting and family life

Training, Police and Child Welfare checks are provided.

### Interested in getting involved?



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## ARE YOU AN ASPIRING VOLUNTEER?

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Organize Single Event \_\_\_\_

Seasonal Activities: \_\_\_\_

Please specify which season – spring/summer/winter/fall

SpecialInterest: \_\_\_\_\_

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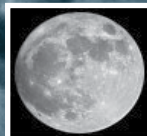
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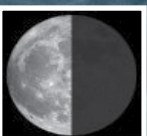
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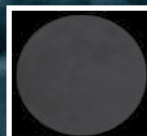
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New Moon  
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Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle one yearly membership option**

**In community:** Single \$10 Senior \$5 Family \$20  
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Budget 2017 is about putting people first and delivers the programs that Albertans – and all Canadians – can benefit from today, not a decade from now. It is an essential step to restore prosperity to the middle class and support Alberta.

As one of the youngest and most innovative and dynamic provinces, Alberta is at the forefront of those who can most benefit from investment and support for young families. With an average median age of 36.1 years old (according to Statistics Canada), Alberta has the highest proportion of working-age persons of any province (70.6%) and is characterized by a high birth rate and immigration from other provinces.

With these realities in mind, Budget 2017 positively impacts our city, province, and country directly with our commitment to middle class families.

Let's take a look at some of the key points for Alberta.

There is a strong connection between child care and the economic security of families. To support Canada's families, Budget 2017 proposes measures that will increase support for early learning and child care, so that more parents here in Alberta can pursue new opportunities to learn and to work. To make sure Canadian children get the best start in life, and to better support Canadian families, #Budget2017 invests \$7 billion over 10 years, to support and create more high-quality, affordable child care spaces across the country.

Being a working parent is hard. That's why we're committing \$152 million over five years and \$27.5 million per year thereafter to help working parents navigate the challenges that come with a growing family by allowing them to choose to receive EI parental benefits over an extended period of up to 18 months at a lower benefit rate. And, for expecting parents, \$43.1 million over five years and \$9.2 million per year thereafter to allow expectant mothers to claim EI maternity benefits up to 12 weeks before their due date—expanded from the current standard of 8 weeks—if they so choose.

For too many families, the lack of affordable, high-quality child care means difficult choices—some parents may have to sacrifice retirement savings to pay for child care, while others may leave their careers because child care is unavailable or unaffordable. These choices are especially hard for single parents – we all know single parents who are making incredible sacrifices for their children, and how a lack of affordable, high quality childcare places even more stress on them and their children.

It's why I ran for office and that's what I'm promoting in Ottawa every day I am there: help for families and the middle class, along with those we are helping to join them.

As always, you can contact my office by email at kent.hehr@parl.gc.ca or by phone at 403.244.1880. My office is located at 950 6 Ave SW and my door is always open to you. You can follow my work in Parliament online and sign up for my e-newsletter at www.KentHehrMP.ca.



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Wow, what a two years it has been! As I gear up for another busy month in the Legislature I thought I would reflect on what we have accomplished together and share some of the work I have been doing around Calgary Currie. Back in 2015 I was selling large diesel generators to oil rigs and, like so many of you, I was concerned with the direction of the economy and the government of the day. Sales were slowing, and the solution being proposed was cuts and increased costs to average families. Health care premiums were increasing; no investments in schools were being made. Progress on the construction of new pipelines had stalled.

I offered Calgary Currie residents a more progressive, inclusive vision for our province's future, and I am honoured you trust me to do that work. I promised to support an increase to the minimum wage, because a person working full time shouldn't need to go to the food bank. I promised that we would invest in new schools and affordable housing. In Calgary Currie this year alone \$1.3 million is being spent on housing for seniors, while new schools opening to the west will ease the burden on those within our riding. I am also proud that your NDP government kept its promise to reduce school fees. Many have told me that come September it will be a welcome change to no longer scramble to cobble together the funds to get their kids out the door and into their schools. Every day our government is working to make life better and more affordable for families in Calgary Currie and across Alberta.

My office and I have also been hosting consultations for my first Private Member's Bill - Bill 211 - which seeks to ensure that persons with disabilities who inherit assets following a parent's death cannot have their government benefits terminated. Alberta is the only province where the government is allowed to claw back the access a person with disabilities has to government services if they inherit assets. Many have shared with me their worry that a loved one's AISH would be cut or that their child would no longer be able to afford the medication they need. If this issue impacts you, please contact my

office. We would love to hear your concerns and keep you informed as this bill progresses.

After having spent much time working with the fine seniors organizations in our riding, this April I had the pleasure of taking the Minister of Seniors and Housing Lori Sigurdson on a tour of some those very facilities that provide care and support for so many. I was also happy to attend Richmond Knob Hill Community Association Earth Day Fair that brought together local businesses, musicians, and community members to celebrate the installation of the new solar panels on their hall. And finally, I invite you to join me on July 9 - to enjoy and celebrate our community - at my annual Stampede Breakfast. This year's breakfast is at the Glenbrook Community Centre from 9:00AM to Noon. All are invited to attend. And for those keen to volunteer, please do contact my office. Helping hands are always welcome!

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# IN & AROUND SCHOOLS

## Richmond Elementary School

Spring has sprung, and our students continue their reading, writing and engagement in their learning, as they head into the final two months of the school year. Our school is currently very focused on literacy, as it is such an essential part of academic success. Our teachers and staff are always looking for new ways to excite, and encourage, our young learners to improve their reading skills.

This month, we are happy to once again welcome in artist Debra Ward, for a two-week art residency for the entire student body. This is always an amazing way to allow our students to bring their creativity to life, and it all culminates with a showing of their work on the evening of May 12th.

April was also a busy month, and it saw our grade 1 & 2's attended a daytime performance with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra called *Music in the Key of Life*. Meanwhile, our grade 5 & 6 classes have been taking part in the Open Minds program at the Anne and Sandy Cross Conservation Area. This has been a wonderful opportunity for our older students to learn and create a dialogue around progress and conservation issues.

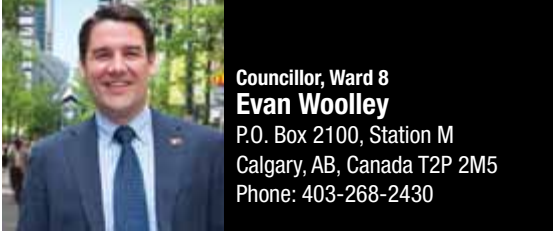
Richmond School will also be hosting a Kindergarten orientation on the evening of Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please call our school office for more information – 403-777-8380.

Duncan White  
Principal



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Making Democracy More Accessible for Calgarians**  
Election season is right around the corner and there are a few things you should know about how everything will go down this year. We need to tackle the challenge of declining voter turnout at the municipal level and encourage everyone to participate in democracy. I put forward a Notice of Motion this past November to look at ways that Election Day can be as easy and accessible as possible which has resulted in some great new initiatives for the upcoming Municipal election. Starting this year, everyone will receive a brochure in the mail which will have a free transit pass for Election Day! Not only that, but the Advance Polling Bus will be making a lot more rounds this year to help those who may have accessibility issues. The reality is that not everyone lives or works close to a voting booth, so doing what we can to make the polling stations as accessible as possible is the least we can do to encourage democratic engagement by Calgarians. Another initiative that the City of Calgary is undertaking is creating a candidate profile page on its website. It'll be a one stop shop for information on all candidates in both the Councillor and Mayoral races.

Further to that, a full week of advance polls will be happening at Mount Royal University, University of Calgary, and SAIT. Students have busy schedules and Election Day falls right around mid-term time, so this is another way to ensure that polling stations are as easy to access as possible. If you or someone you know attends one of these post secondary institutions, make sure that you take advantage of the advance polls!

If you ever have any questions, concerns, or ideas about how to better your community please reach us by email at [ward08@calgary.ca](mailto:ward08@calgary.ca) or give us a call at 403-268-2431.

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For more information on hall rentals, please call Lola at 403-474-3845 or email [rentals@richmondknobhill.ca](mailto:rentals@richmondknobhill.ca).

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## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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