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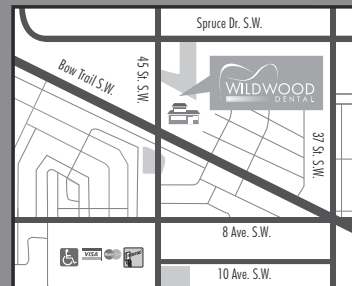
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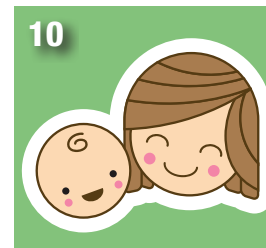
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winter is fast approaching. By now the routines around most of us are a welcome pattern. Has your community fit into that picture somehow? Even if you are not a member, your community association has an impact on our lives. This is especially so with association activities outside of the hall.

We have a dedicated director to help monitor and advise the city and responsible developers on development issues. At community meetings we have presentations on changes that are either here or coming. Main Streets and the Bow Trail pedestrian overpass are but two examples. After the paving of our community we fielded questions regarding traffic calming measures as well as dangerous unprotected sites. This work is in the beginning stages for your community. Our Director and myself are trying to handle matters as they arise. But, with the plethora of new projects beginning to emerge here I predict that we will have to have a committee to handle either development or community safety - or perhaps both!

Last month we paused and reflected on reasons that we as individuals, families and a community can be thankful. There is so much that we have. In Rosscarrock there are those that are homeowners as well as renters. We have single individuals just starting to enter the workforce. Families thrive here. Our neighbours include the full spectrum of what a community can be.

When I moved into this community it was really one of circumstance. What makes a community a "choice" community is not always what brings us here, it's what keeps us here wouldn't you agree? What sort of things do you find comforting within Rosscarrock? Please let me know.

Over the last few weeks there have been disturbing and frightening events; some even close to home. I sincerely extend our heartfelt support to any either directly or indirectly affected by such events. As a community there are plans where we can be in a position to provide some practical assistance. More on that in future issues.

As always, you can reach me at either info@rosscarrock.org or president@rosscarrock.org.



## KIDS ART COLLECTIVE

Do you know a pint-sized Picasso ages 12 and under? Each month our newsletter will feature a selection of drawings and paintings by neighbourhood kids with a flair for the creative.

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- Community Garden
- Newsletter
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- Anything else you can think of? \_\_\_\_\_

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## CALGARY WILDLIFE



## The House Sparrow

Article by JG Turner; Photo by Andrea Hunt

The House Sparrow is a member of the Old World sparrow family native to most of Europe and Asia. This little bird has followed humans all over the world and has been introduced to every continent except Antarctica. In North America, the birds were intentionally introduced to the United States from Britain in the 1850s as they were thought to be able to help with insect control in agricultural crops. Being a hardy and adaptable little bird, the House Sparrow has spread across the continent to become one of North America's most common birds. However, in many places, the House Sparrow is considered to be an invasive species that competes with, and has contributed to the decline in, certain native bird species.

### Fun Facts:

- The House Sparrow is part of the weaver finch family of birds which is not related to North America's native sparrows.
- The males have a grey crown and underparts, white cheeks, a black throat bib and black between the bill and eyes. Females are brown with a streaked back (buff, black and brown).
- These little birds have only been in Alberta for about 100 years made themselves at home here by taking advantage of urban human environments, where food and home sites are provided.
- In Alberta, House Sparrows can be found in backyards, parks, suburban and cultivated fields, and urban areas. They are rarely found in far northern areas.
- House Sparrow make untidy nests in boxes (sometimes taking over another bird's nest), under eaves, in crevasses in buildings or masonry or stone structures, in spruce trees, and, in cold climates, even in the heat vent outlets of commercial laundries. These birds may raise up to three broods a season.
- These birds usually travel, feed and roost in assertive, noisy, sociable groups, but always maintain wariness around humans.
- Although often disliked for their raucous and unsanitary manners, the House Sparrow provides great fodder for the study of bird behaviours in general because they are so commonly found in areas populated by humans.

*If you find an injured or orphaned House Sparrow or other wild bird or animal, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society at 403-239-2488 for tips, instructions and advice, or visit our website at [www.calgarywildlife.org](http://www.calgarywildlife.org) for more information.*

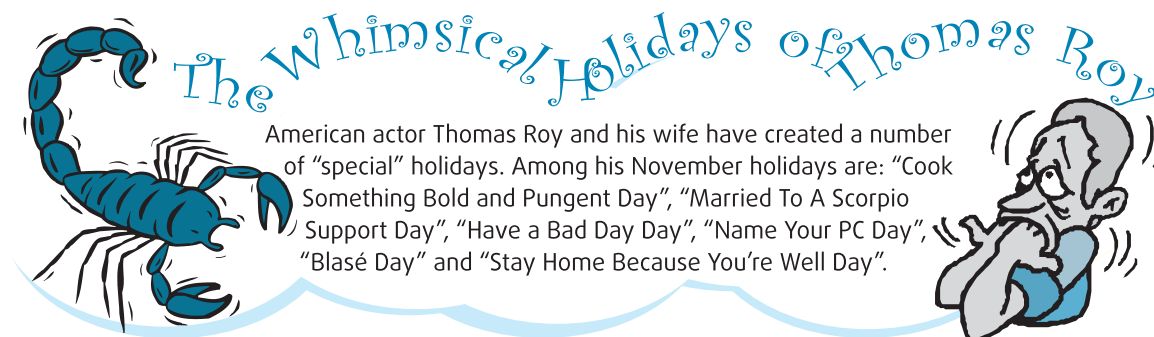
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American actor Thomas Roy and his wife have created a number of "special" holidays. Among his November holidays are: "Cook Something Bold and Pungent Day", "Married To A Scorpio Support Day", "Have a Bad Day Day", "Name Your PC Day", "Blasé Day" and "Stay Home Because You're Well Day".



## Oh Calgary – Can You Be My Home?

By K. Schulz

You were sparkling and dazzling in the summer's hot and oh so bright sunshine, when I first spotted you.

You looked so very pretty, as I was so tired – tired from travelling, tired from looking for a home.

The train had dropped me off some four hours north of you and now, as I was heading towards you, I was bouncing in an old, worn-out seat that kept me awake to not miss my first glance.

What did it feel like for all the others around me? Those who were sleeping in their seats and those who were relentlessly typing on their keyboards, not caring at all about taking a look since you weren't foreign to them.

What did it feel like for them, what did YOU feel like?

Home?

I have been looking for one for years and years. A location to live and love – somewhere that would embrace and love me back. Some were friendly, some were rough. I had been running from them in pain, fear and disappointment. And now, oh Calgary, here I am, a stranger from a land so far away.

I love your beauty, adore your kindness and admire your voices. You sound so thoughtful when you ask me "Ma'am, can I give you a hand?" You make me smile when you invite me for a trip in the fare-free zone. And I am heartened that you actually hear, care, and appreciate when I wish you a good day!

I had lost belief and filled up with gloominess. I didn't trust I would ever find what I call home. The love I got from someone who cares has led me to reduce what I was worried about – a physical home that I love and waits for me when I return.

It's made me understand that home is not just a place, but rather a feeling.

But please, oh Calgary, you are my hope.

Would you please try and be that missing piece to make the whole complete?

Oh Calgary, I beg you, can you be my home?



## Rosscarrock Real Estate Update

### Last 12 Months Rosscarrock MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
September 2017	\$594,900	\$575,000
August 2017	\$550,000	\$530,000
July 2017	\$604,950	\$596,500
June 2017	\$589,945	\$582,500
May 2017	\$609,250	\$572,500
April 2017	\$594,950	\$588,000
March 2017	\$571,944	\$570,000
February 2017	\$729,000	\$717,000
January 2017	\$559,450	\$567,000
December 2016	\$559,900	\$543,000
November 2016	\$619,450	\$607,750
October 2016	\$712,450	\$696,750

### Last 12 Months Rosscarrock MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
September 2017	3	3
August 2017	3	1
July 2017	1	6
June 2017	9	6
May 2017	10	4
April 2017	7	6
March 2017	2	2
February 2017	5	1
January 2017	2	2
December 2016	3	1
November 2016	3	4
October 2016	4	4

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit [rosscarrock.great-news.ca](http://rosscarrock.great-news.ca)



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Over this past year, Canada has been celebrating the 150th anniversary of confederation. Recently the Strathcona Christie Aspen Community Association hosted thousands of our neighbors at such an event - "Canada 150 Celebration on the Hill". Incorporated into the celebration was Judge Joseph Woodard presiding over a citizenship ceremony where 50 constituents took the Oath of Citizenship and become Canadian citizens. It was my great honor to participate in the ceremony, welcome them to Canada and deliver a message of congratulations as your representative in the House of Commons.

The ceremony acted as a strong reminder of the privilege it is to live in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and that was evident in the pride displayed by our new citizens. It is for this reason people from all over the world look to Canada to start a new chapter in their lives and leave what is familiar behind and we should be proud of the fact that they chose here to do that.

The freedoms and privileges that are afforded to residents of Canada are immense and that over the years has been the result of the dedication and hard work of many. Hundreds of men and women sacrificed much to fight for our liberties including war. Governments since confederation have developed and debated policies and laws with the intent to better the lives of Canadians and future Canadians. That is my commitment to continue the fight as your Member of Parliament.

As we do every November 11th, we remember all of those who fought for us many making the ultimate sacrifice, and on this day I will be even more grateful for the privilege of being a Canadian.

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Remember, Remember the Fifth of November

**G**uy Fawkes Night is celebrated annually in Great Britain every November 5th, celebrating that King James I survived an assassination attempt on his life on that day in 1605. The people celebrated by lighting bonfires, a tradition that continues to this day.





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Across Alberta there will be ceremonies on November 11 to show our gratitude and appreciation to all those who served, and who continue to serve, so that we may live freely. I am humbled to once again attend the annual Remembrance Day Service at the Killarney Glegg Community Association hosted by the Millennium Branch 289 of the Royal Canadian Legion and lay a wreath in honour of those who have made the greatest sacrifice for their home and country.

The start of the fall legislative session means that the bulk of my time this month will be spent in Edmonton where I am working hard to ensure that our government is doing all we can to make your life better. But I will continue to advocate for Calgary Currie here at home. This month I am meeting with local childcare providers to discuss how they can become \$25/day Early Learning and Child Care centres in our riding. On Fridays I will continue to visit local businesses, non-profits, and schools - like Clearwater Academy - to ensure that all Albertans' needs are being met. To stay up-to-date about constituency events and initiatives, please sign up for my new e-newsletter via my Facebook page.

Finally, I would like to thank the many families, disability advocates, and associations who added their names to a petition supporting my proposed Private Member's bill. Last month when the petition closed, over 500 of you had added your names in an effort to make Henson Trust legislation a reality: thank you. And thank you to all who took the time out of your busy schedules to attend my Pizza Open House last week - it was great to catch up. Now that the municipal election campaign is over (thank you to all who put their names forward) you will once again find me knocking your doors!

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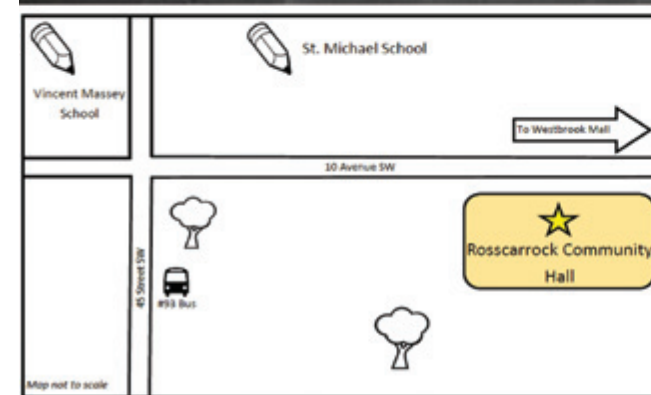
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## REMEMBRANCE

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



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