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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Silverado, Happy New Year! Hope you had a great holiday season with family and friends. Thank you to all volunteers that helped build the Adopt-A-Rink and have helped to maintain the ice through out this winter. It is much appreciated and your efforts are commended. If you aren't aware the Silverado Community Association through the City of Calgary Parks Dept has endeavoured to build an Adopt-A-Rink for pleasure skating. This is a City of Calgary Program that runs throughout Calgary to give communities a leisure skating rink for all in the community and outside the community to enjoy. SCA would like to thank the City of Calgary Parks Dept, Inside Out Landscapes, Cordy's Water Truck Services, and all the volunteers that have made this skating rink possible. We would also like to thank the TD Silverado Bank Branch for their donation to this skating rink.

There are new and exciting things happening in our Community the K-9 Catholic School excavation is underway just west of the Sawyer Condominiums by 281 Silverado Blvd S.W. The Kindergarten to Grade 9 Catholic School will have a student capacity of 900 students. It will be two stories high with a library, music room and gymnasium. The planned opening for the school will be the Fall of 2017.

Also a CBE K-4 public school will be breaking ground this Spring of 2016. The school will have a capacity of 600 students and will be located at the far west end of Silverado Way S.W. that meets with Silverado Blvd S.W. The school will have an inner courtyard, music room, common learning area and gymnasium. The CBE K-4 school is slated to open September of 2017. For more information on the new elementary school coming to Silverado please go to the CBE web-page at [www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/silverado-school.aspx](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Pages/silverado-school.aspx).

Also drawings of the school can be seen at [www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Documents/Silverado-K-4-School-Site-Plan.pdf](http://www.cbe.ab.ca/schools/building-and-modernizing-schools/Documents/Silverado-K-4-School-Site-Plan.pdf).

Best wishes to you and your family in the New Year of 2016.



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## Happy New Year from 264<sup>th</sup> Somerset- Bridlewood Scout Group!

Our group has been very busy this fall. The Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers have attended several camps in addition to the weekly meetings. Also, we participated Remembrance Day services at the CP Rail Yard and volunteered time with the Salvation Army Kettle campaign in December. Annually, we adopt a family in need and help to provide them with a good Christmas. This year,



we're proud to say that we have continued that tradition. Our members are proud to give back to the community and make a difference.

In the New Year we have many more exciting adventures coming up! The Beavers have a sleepover camp at the Calgary zoo and are very excited. Our Cubs and Scouts are attending a winter camp in February that will be run by our older Ventures and Rovers. This is a very large and fun camp that has nearly 100 participants! We're all excited to get out for a weekend in spite of the snow and cold!

We would like to send a big thank you to the community for their support of our bottle drives. The fall bottle drive had two full trailers and it went very well! Also, a big thank you to those of you in the community who bought popcorn and supported us once again.



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- 5 most votes takes home the title of Calgary's Best Hot
- 6 Chocolate. [www.yychotchocolate.com](http://www.yychotchocolate.com)
- 7 • **February 3 – Calgary Flames vs Carolina Hurricanes**
- 8 at the Saddledome 7:30 pm. [www.calgaryflames.com](http://www.calgaryflames.com)
- 9 • **February 5 to 20 - Lord of the Flies:** Remarkably true
- 10 to the novel in spirit... the theatre lends itself particularly
- 11 well to the ritualistic aspects of the story - chanting,
- 12 dancing, marching, forming a circle round the victim,
- 13 stamping out a fire. You end up feeling you have seen
- 14 a fable of infinite implications enacted in a little room.
- 15 [www.storybooktheatre.org](http://www.storybooktheatre.org)
- 16 • **February 12 – Calgary Hitmen & Red Deer Rebels** face
- 17 off at 7:00 pm at the Saddledome.
- 18 [www.hitmenhockey.com](http://www.hitmenhockey.com)
- 19 • **February 12 to 14 - Block Heater: A Winter Music**
- 20 **Extravaganza:** There's a new music festival in Calgary
- 21 over the Family Day long weekend. More than 20 artists
- 22 perform at three Inglewood venues over three days.
- 23 [www.calgaryfolkfest.com](http://www.calgaryfolkfest.com)
- 24 • **February 12 to April 17 - Suite Surrender:** Mistaken
- 25 identities, overblown egos, double-entendres, and a lap
- 26 dog named Mr. Boodles round out this hilarious riot of a
- 27 love note to classic farce.
- 28 [www.stagewestcalgary.com](http://www.stagewestcalgary.com)
- 29 • **February 21 to 22 - Spinosaurus: Lost Giant of the**
- Cretaceous:** Meet Spinosaurus, the largest predatory
- dinosaur yet discovered and hear the incredible story
- of how this prehistoric giant was almost lost to science,
- before being brought back to light with the help of a
- remarkable young paleontologist. [www.artsccommons.ca](http://www.artsccommons.ca)
- **February 26 - Calgary Hitmen vs Royals** at the
- Saddledome 7:00 pm. [www.hitmenhockey.com](http://www.hitmenhockey.com)
- **February 27 – Calgary Flames & Ottawa Senators** face
- off at 8:00 pm at the Saddledome.
- [www.calgaryflames.com](http://www.calgaryflames.com)
- **February 28 - Night With the Stars:** This year, Theatre
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## Bohemian Waxwing: Visitor from the North

By: Katie Fisher

Photo: Niket Sura

As the snow sets in and sunlight runs at a minimum, we prepare ourselves for what might feel like the longest months of the year. Many of the pretty songbirds have flown south for warmer climates, however, our friend, the Bohemian Waxwing, will at times, fly south to us from the north to escape some of the harshest conditions.

The Bohemian Waxwing is a medium-sized songbird who is brownish gray in colour, equipped with a black mask, a yellow tip to tail and a crest on top of his head. He earns his name from the nomadic movements of the winter flocks; much like the inhabitants of Bohemia who live unconventional lifestyles or like the lives of gypsies. He does not hold breeding territories like other songbirds, simply for the reason the fruits he enjoys to snack on are abundant, but only available for short periods of time. Unlike songbirds, the Bohemian Waxwing has no true song as he doesn't require it to defend a territory.

He spends much of his time in the forest, foraging for fruit and insects. The Bohemian Waxwing is elegant in flight, catching insects in mid-air or hovering to snatch fruit. He must be careful when choosing his fruit, as the Bohemian is susceptible to alcohol intoxication, and even death, from eating fermented fruit. He chooses to

build his nest with his monogamous partner, on branches, closest to the trunk of the tree; constructed with twigs, grasses and camouflaged with mosses and lichens. From time to time, he will visit city parks and gardens in hopes of finding fruit.

Both parents are responsible for feeding their young, who will leave the nest anywhere from 14 to 18 days old. Like most songbirds, they feed insects to their young at first, but switch to feeding them berries within a few days. Most Bohemian family units stay together through the fall until they prepare for migration. Flocks are the most common form of migration and will, at times, be mixed in with Cedar Waxwing flocks, creating quite a sight to be seen.

If you come across an injured Bohemian Waxwing, or any other wild animal in distress please contact Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society wildlife hotline at 403-239-2488 for tips, instructions and advice.

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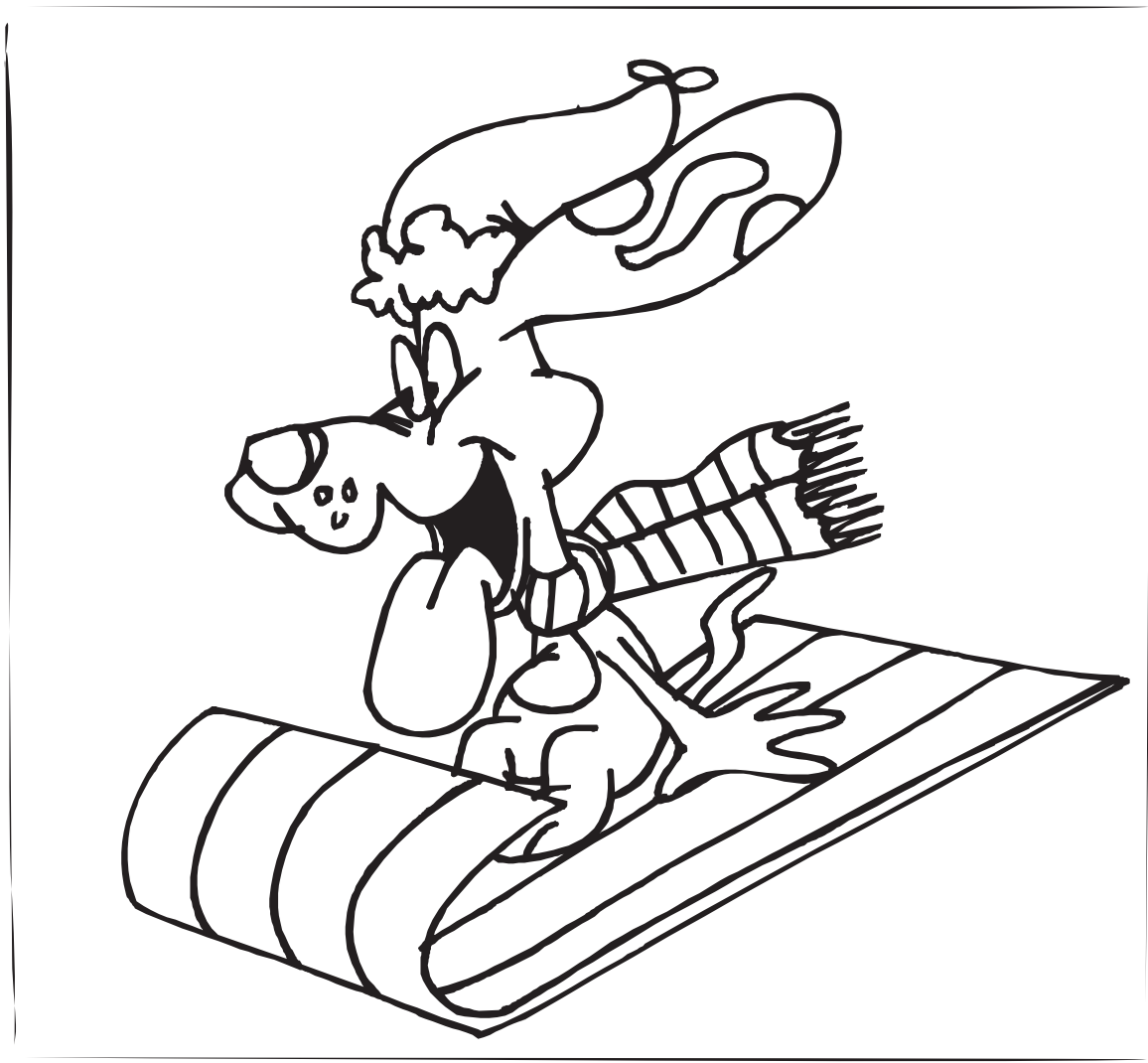
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**A new session of registered programs starts in January 9 – check the Program Guide or [www.tricocentre.ca](http://www.tricocentre.ca).**

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- Breathe a big post-holiday sigh of relief: recession-busting price freeze in effect at Trico Centre on memberships, admissions, and program fees. No increase until September 2016.

**Adults**

- Registered adult programs starting in January: Cardio Dance, Barre Stretch & Release, Core Fusion Barre, TRX Flow, Mindful Relaxation, Trim and Tone, Strong is the New Skinny: Weight Training for Women by Women, Fit 101 for the Absolute Beginner. Workshops include Foam Roller Workshop, Peek Week what? Strength & Conditioning Clinic: Jumps, Throws, and Agility, Yoga Nidra.
- Cool new program: Strike It Cardio Drumming: Free Demo class on January 6 from 7:30-8:30pm.
- January is a great time to get back to the fitness centre – more than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week included in membership.

**Older Adults**

- Registered multi-week programs starting in January include Balance Builders, Bone Builders, Chair Yoga, Sore Joints Training. Workshops and clinics include Foam Roller Workshop and Strike It for Seniors!

**Families**

- Registered family programs; Family in Motion, Family Yoga, Mindfulness for Youth & Parent, Family YogArt, Prenatal Fitness, Mommy & Me Barre, Mommy/Daddy & Me Aquafit, Mommy & Me Fitness.
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Hello Ward 14!

No matter what your 2015 was like, I hope your 2016 is even better. This year a Ward 14 tradition will be getting a fresh start—or a fresh name at least.

### Counciltalk

Aldertalk finally has a name that fits with the title of Councillor. I've had reservations about leaving the old name behind. It fit so perfectly. But Aldertalk is a name for an Alderman, and I am a Councillor now. Counciltalk is a name for a Councillor.

I will now be using the name Counciltalk when referring to my monthly discussions, and if you have never attended one I sincerely hope that you will join on at least one occasion in 2016. In short, it is a chance to sit down with me—and your neighbours from around Ward 14—to talk about whatever municipally related topic you choose. It has become so popular that even some other Councillors are implementing their own versions of the idea.

It is very fitting that the first Counciltalk session will take place in Parkland. It was at the Parkland Community Hall on January 14, 2012 that a group of Ward 14 residents gathered for the very first Aldertalk. Since then residents of Ward 14 have been joining me regularly to engage in meaningful dialogue.

I want people to feel like they can always communicate with me. Aldertalk has been a powerful tool in my strategy for ensuring that they can. Because of the generosity of Ward 14's community associations it is also a low-cost tool. It is held about six months out of the year, and rotates location between communities in Ward 14. People only have to go as far as their local community hall to speak with me, but have been known to travel much further. We sit in a round-table configuration and go through each attendee individually to discuss the topic of their choice.

The 2016 Counciltalk season will begin in Parkland on January 16. It will be at the Parkland Community Hall (505 Parkvalley Road SE). The discussion will run from noon to 2 p.m., but I would love to have you there at noon so that we can get a head start on things, and so you are assured of some coffee.

For upcoming dates and details you can visit [calgary.ca/ward14counciltalk](http://calgary.ca/ward14counciltalk), but I also send email reminders about upcoming Counciltalk sessions, among other things. You can sign up for them at [calgary.ca/ward14connect](http://calgary.ca/ward14connect).

### Property Assessment Notices

Before I sign off until February let me remind you to inspect your property assessment notice carefully this year. It will be in your mailbox shortly, if you don't have it already. Following the instructions on the notice and contacting the Assessment Department about errors could save you the cost of making an unnecessary appeal.



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My family and I would like to wish you a very Happy New Year!

I am happy to report our wish list drive for the Calgary Women's Shelter was a big success. I was able to visit them in early December to drop off all the constituent donations. Items that couldn't be used were donated to Women In Need Society. Thank you to everyone who participated!

I valued being able to meet constituents at the Crans-ton Christmas Bazaar, where I had a table set up with information for the community. I was also able to attend the Walden Christmas Craft Fair to help hand out door prizes, and speak to the residents. It's always great being able to spend time there. The Auburn Bay Parade of Lights was a huge success in its second year. I was pleased to sponsor a table this year and I was also able to ride in the parade. What a great turn out!

I've heard many concerns from constituents on Bills 5 and 6. I have called back every single constituent who has contacted my office on these issues, and appreciate the feedback I have received.

New Brighton Elementary School Parents Association is collecting bottles on an ongoing basis for fundraising towards their new school. For more information on how you can help: [www.newbrightonschool.com/](http://www.newbrightonschool.com/)



MLA Fraser in the Auburn Bay Parade of Lights, December 2015

## in & around your community

### Pet Safety: Keep Your Pets Indoors This Winter

Humans are not the only ones who need to keep warm during the winter months. Your pets do too. Although they might be covered in fur, your pet can still fall ill during the colder months or even get frostbite when temperatures drop below freezing. But have no fear, here are a few tips on how to keep your pet warm this winter.

Keep your pet indoors. This is the number one way to keep your pets safe and warm in the winter. For dogs, take shorter walks when the weather is severely cold. A good rule of thumb is to go out with them and when you're ready to come in, chances are your dog is too. If your dog must stay outside, make sure she has proper shelter and a source of fresh water at all times, and make sure her water cannot freeze.

It's important to remember that cold cars can pose a significant risk to your pet's health. Leaving your cat or dog in the car is just as dangerous in winter as in the summer. Limit car travel to only that which is necessary, and don't leave your pet unattended in the vehicle.

If you lose your pet during the winter months, do not delay. Call 3-1-1 to see if Animal Services has picked up your pet. If not, file a lost pet report with Animal Services.

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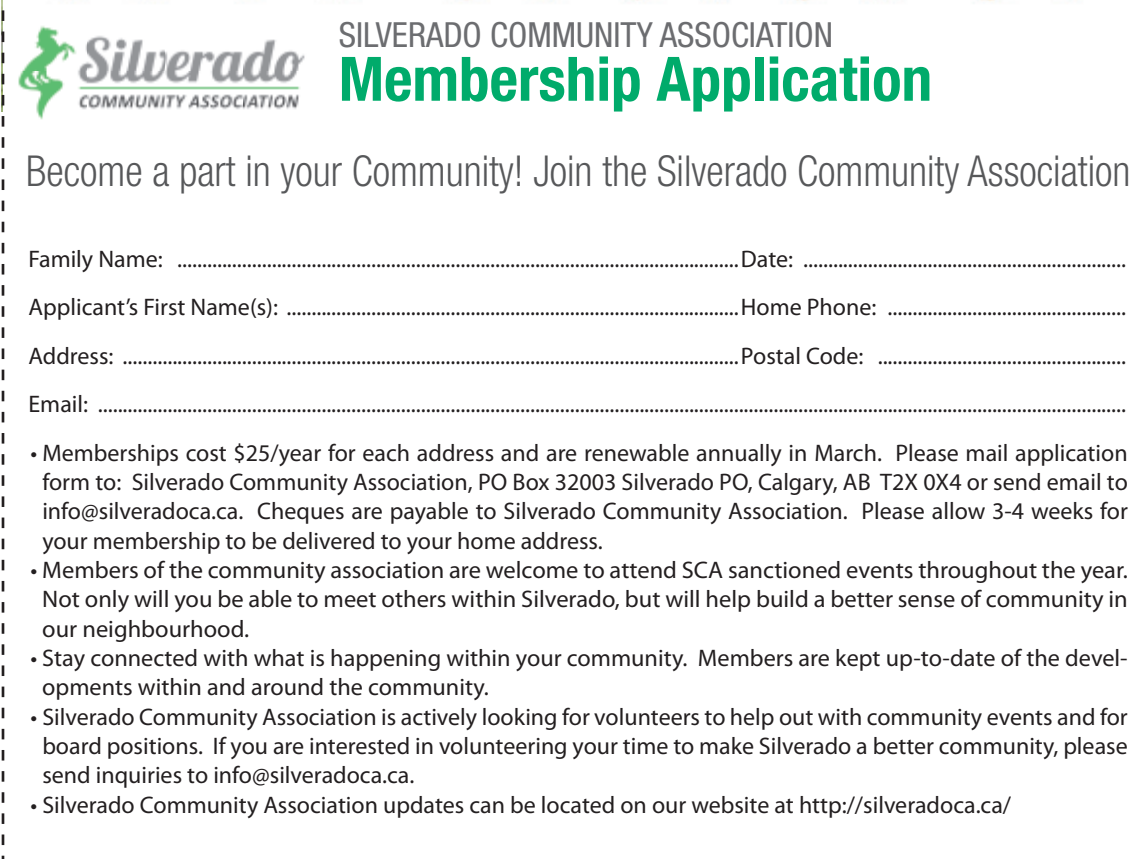
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