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We hope you enjoy receiving the Newsletter of SomerSet residents association. This newsletter is one of the many community-focused activities of the SRA along with our newly revamped website. Make sure you stop by the website www.SomerSetwaterpark.org.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?
We welcome all resident ideas, compliments, questions and queries, and please notify the SRA of any safety concerns immediately.

VANDALISM
Continues to happen, if you witness park vandalism call (CPS) police immediately (403-266-1234).

ANNUAL INVOICE
Are you yet to pay your annual dues! Please let the SRA know if there are special circumstances preventing payment (see below).

Have a question that is not park related? Visit the 'SomerSet / Bridlewood Community Association' website: www.somerSetbridlewood.ca.

Contact information:
SOMERSET RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
Phone: 403-807-8736 Email: somerSetresidents@shaw.ca; Website: www.somerSetwaterpark.org.

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GREENERY

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Gabriel	15	587-777-4616	No
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Jewelyn	38	403-926-3703	Yes
Lili	12	403-483-2922	Yes
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Nicole	17	587-968-6201	No
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Rochelle	16	403-700-2881	No
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Last 12 Months Bridlewood MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
November 2016	\$433,500.00	\$423,000.00
October 2016	\$389,900.00	\$385,000.00
September 2016	\$429,800.00	\$417,500.00
August 2016	\$389,000.00	\$378,750.00
July 2016	\$410,000.00	\$398,400.00
June 2016	\$439,450.00	\$429,950.00
May 2016	\$411,000.00	\$402,500.00
April 2016	\$394,450.00	\$387,250.00
March 2016	\$409,900.00	\$407,500.00
February 2016	\$423,900.00	\$402,500.00
January 2016	\$409,949.00	\$404,000.00
December 2015	\$442,850.00	\$432,500.00

Last 12 Months Bridlewood MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
November 2016	9	8
October 2016	12	13
September 2016	19	15
August 2016	14	10
July 2016	11	11
June 2016	18	16
May 2016	22	16
April 2016	14	12
March 2016	12	12
February 2016	15	9
January 2016	8	6
December 2015	11	8

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above
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In 2016, Hanukkah from in the evening of Saturday, December 24th until the evening of Sunday, January 1st. During Hanukkah, on each of the eight nights, a candle is lit in a special menorah (candelabra) called a 'hanukkiyah'.



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PRESENTS or PRESENCE?

Desiree Dupuis

We are coming up to the Christmas Season, a time of gift giving, a time that we often use to show our beloved's how much they mean to us through our gifts. But gift givers, beware. Are you using consumerism to feed and nurture your relationship instead of time and service? Are your Christmas gifts this year a substitute for the commitment and the mindfulness that has been needed all year long, to nurture and grow your relationship with your beloveds?

In the beginning of romantic relationships we spend lots of time with each other, enamoured by the "newness" of one another and the adventure and potential of discovering love. We willingly step into service to one another, open to explore what the other person likes, wants, desires and needs, but as responsibilities grow with marriage, children, mortgages, careers and day to day living, we often become disconnected with each other in the busyness of life.

When bank accounts grow, life styles change and you find you are becoming more affluent, check in with each other and ask, "Have our values changed and are we still participating in each other's lives? Ask yourselves, "Are we replacing the time we used to spend together enjoying the simple pleasures in life, like walks, talks, and snuggles on the couch with a cup of tea, with the accumulation of the bright and shiny, instead?"

It would seem the more we have, the busier we become. We may find we lack for nothing, yet are starving for something, that somehow seems intangible. We are full, yet empty, all at the same time. We need to pause, step away from the busy and choose to stay connected to one other, spending quality time together, listening to each other, holding hands, laughing, playing, and simply "being" with one another. This is what keeps our tanks full and our lives balanced and happy, not the bright and shiny objects that we so often think are reflections of our beloveds', and our own personal, value and worth.

So be mindful, this season. Ask yourself, "What is it that I really want to give in time, in service, in heart felt connection and what is it that I would like to receive?" Anyone can do Presents. But Presence? There is nothing like it for you and your family. It's a gift of appreciation and celebration, found in time well spent, in "you and I".

Desiree Dupuis is a life coach, mentor, facilitator, speaker, writer and poet.



Last 12 Months Somerset MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
November 2016	\$412,450.00	\$408,750.00
October 2016	\$452,450.00	\$444,750.00
September 2016	\$412,450.00	\$402,500.00
August 2016	\$418,950.00	\$408,250.00
July 2016	\$452,394.00	\$441,000.00
June 2016	\$455,000.00	\$447,500.00
May 2016	\$429,900.00	\$421,000.00
April 2016	\$449,900.00	\$435,000.00
March 2016	\$450,000.00	\$447,000.00
February 2016	\$438,888.00	\$422,500.00
January 2016	\$469,000.00	\$457,000.00
December 2015	\$424,900.00	\$415,000.00

Last 12 Months Somerset MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
November 2016	6	8
October 2016	13	8
September 2016	4	6
August 2016	9	6
July 2016	13	10
June 2016	3	8
May 2016	10	8
April 2016	11	9
March 2016	11	7
February 2016	7	5
January 2016	6	5
December 2015	1	3

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Does Your Puppy Have A Good Bite?

Throughout my veterinary career there have been months
when one problem appears again and again in my patients.
Recently, I have seen one case after another of puppies with
malocclusions or teeth coming in incorrectly causing devel-
opmental problems. Also, many of these cases have been in
dog breeds such as Labrador retrievers and beagles that typi-
cally have normal bites. A normal bite is when the bottom
and upper teeth of the carnivore interlock properly and the
mouth can be opened and closed without the teeth striking
each other or being stuck in the soft tissue of the mouth.
There are many types of veterinary pediatric dental issues
these are just two of the most common.

Every puppy and kitten should have the mouth looked at
as part of its routine examination during vaccinations and
other procedures. Problems are much more frequently
seen in puppies. Facial changes are less exaggerated in
cats; therefore, problems are infrequent. A carnivore's
teeth interlock from the big canines or fangs back through
the premolars and molars. This is to allow them to bring
down prey and tear into bone and muscle. Like us, carni-
vores have baby teeth or deciduous teeth that fall out and
are replaced by permanent teeth. This ends in our pets by
about six months of age. When we look at the dental arch
we want to see the bones of the upper and lower jaws
growing in unison as the pet grows and the face and jaw
elongate without impediment by teeth locked in tissue or
hitting each other.

The most common problem in dogs is the big canines, the
fangs, sometimes are directed too far inward towards the

middle and the canines from the bottom grow into soft tis-
sue of the mouth at the top and this stops the lower jaw
from growing properly. This occurs in domestic dogs be-
cause we have bred them to exaggerate certain traits, to
get the appearance we seek in a particular breed, or some-
times it's just bad luck. When this happens, we recommend
immediate removal of the baby teeth so the puppy's lower
jaw can grow properly. Sometimes in mild cases we might
ask to repeatedly see the young puppy so we can monitor
whether interference is necessary. I love to speculate what
a human orthodontist might do when faced with children
with big fangs that will mature in six months.

Sometimes the puppy's baby teeth looked perfect but the
adult teeth start to emerge in an abnormal position, usually
inside the baby teeth, again necessitating early removal of
baby teeth to open the normal pathway for the permanent
teeth in the growing puppy. In the most extreme cases we
are unable to correct the bite or the window of opportunity
was missed and, yes, veterinarians refer dogs for root canals
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teeth with extra crowns, teeth coming in at wrong angles,
and extra teeth. Decisions are made based on whether we
need to take advantage of the growing the pet will still
do and the long-term risks to the pet going forward. Vet-
erinary dentistry has come a long way in the thirty years I
have been a veterinarian. We use equipment comparable
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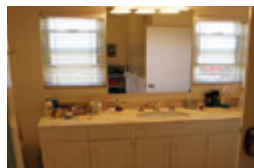
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Cllr. Colley-Urquhart speaking with city staff at the Canyon Meadows Power Substation Open House



Cllr. Colley-Urquhart speaking with residents and members of CPA speaking about angle parking in Woodbine

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Season's Greetings From The Ward 13 Office!

With all that is going on in our City and our Ward, I want to take this time to thank each and every one of you for your tireless efforts in making our Ward one of the best in The City. On behalf of myself and my staff, we want to wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday!

Ward 13 Traffic Tour Summary

On October 12th myself, key City staff and the Ward 13 Community Association Presidents toured problematic traffic areas in Ward 13. We were able to not only identify problems spots, but with the help of the Roads team, we were able to get confirmation of a few traffic calming measures that could be implemented before the first snowfall.

Thanks to the diligent work of community volunteers and board members, the areas of concern now have been identified and we hope to see a swift solution that benefits all members of the community. A few examples of traffic calming measures to be implemented around our Ward include (but not limited to):

- Painted crosswalks
- Curb cuts
- Extra sidewalks
- Explore roundabouts and road narrowing
- Speed studies and engage enforcement
- Reflective sleeves to be added
- Analyze signal time for pedestrian signals (perceived as too short)
- Install playground zones
- New pedestrian signals

With the help of concerned citizens and active community associations, we can help make Ward 13 a safe place for commuters and pedestrians alike.

Woodmont Crescent Angle Parking

Back in October, a small area in Woodbine was the centre of a parking issue that has had neighbours up in arms. On October 6th residents of Woodmont Crescent were ticketed by Calgary Parking Authority (CPA) for angle parking in the cul-de-sac whereas bylaw states only parallel parking is allowed.

While many residents have been angle parking to accommodate the large amount of vehicles in the area, CPA was forced to uphold the bylaw when an area resident made a formal complaint again the practice.

While it was an unfortunate incident, my staff and I, along with Dominic Barbario and Jim Lebedeff of CPA, visited the site to determine the next steps for residents. CPA suggested residents go through the proper channels to have the area specifically marked to allow for angle parking, as well as parallel parking at the bottlenecks of the cul-de-sac. By speaking with area residents and hearing their concerns, we were able to take a step forward in ensuring that this issue will not be an issue for these residents in the future.



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The Holiday Season is upon us again and it feels as though the year has flown by. Holidays are a reminder to be thankful for our families, friends and communities and I am so grateful to be allowed to serve as your provincial representative. Over the past year, I have had the honour of meeting with constituents, attending community events, and bringing your concerns to the attention of the Government of Alberta. It has been a true pleasure serving this community and I look forward to the year ahead where I am confident we can work together to build a stronger Alberta.

Carbon Levy Rebates

The government has begun implementing the Climate Leadership Plan including a Carbon Levy which comes

into effect on January 1st, 2017. In conjunction with placing a levy on combustible fuels, the Government of Alberta will be providing rebates of up to \$420 a family (based on income) to offset increased consumption costs. As the rebate is tied to 2015 income, please ensure you have completed your 2015 tax filing to reduce delays in receiving your rebate. We anticipate 6 in 10 families will be eligible for the full rebate which will cover the average increase in costs associated with the carbon levy. You can further reduce your costs by turning down your heat when no one is home, installing a smart thermostat, and choosing to walk or take transit when possible.

Small Business Tax Decrease

In order to assist small businesses in adjusting to the carbon levy, the small business corporate income tax rate will be reduced from 3% to 2% on January 1st, 2017. The Government of Alberta has also committed to providing Capital Tax Investment Credits and improving access to venture capital funding to ensure that Alberta remains the best place in Canada to do business. If you have any questions about the supports available to your small business, please contact my office at (403) 256-8969 or calgary.shaw@assembly.ab.ca.

City Charter

Thank you to all residents who gave input to create a City Charter between the City of Calgary and Alberta. The Charter will create tools that will enable Calgary council to make local decisions with greater flexibility and autonomy. In early 2017 further engagement activities will provide an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the proposed fiscal framework. Please contact my office for more information.

Holiday Celebration

Please join me at my office (328 – 22 Midlake Blvd SE) for a holiday celebration on December 23rd from 2:00pm-6:00pm. Join me for a cup of hot apple cider and Christmas cake as we look forward to the year ahead.

The Calgary Shaw Constituency Office will be closed from December 26th – Jan 2nd inclusive. We look forward to serving in the New Year. Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.



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