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**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](http://www.somersetbridlewood.ca).

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of each month for the next month's issue

 **264 SOMERSET BRIDLEWOOD SCOUT GROUP**

**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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# Keep Your Paws Warm!

walks rinse and dry your pet's feet if you suspect he has walked through chemicals.

Some dogs just can't tolerate cold paws no matter what you do. Consider booties for these individuals. Booties and mukluks come in all shapes and sizes for dogs. It is important that the boot breath and not compromise the blood flow to the paw. Most animals readily tolerate comfortable well-fitted boots. Online pet stores and local pet stores carry an array of boots for dogs. If you have a large active pet that will need heavy-duty boots you may want to consider custom-made footwear.

Along with their fur keep your pet's nails clipped. In our winters nails may split as your pet goes in and out from the cold and damp and nails may benefit from supplements such as omega fatty acids or fish oils.

My old Labrador would push through the roughest ground cover on the scent of a bird, but in the city he had very sensitive feet and could not tolerate rock salt on his paws at all. Nor would he tolerate boots. I used a paw wax on his feet. Applied to the pad these waxes seal the paw and protect the skin from ice and chemicals. They also protect the pads from cracking with dryness as the dogs go in and out. As long as your dog tolerates his feet touched the paw waxes are very easy to use. Vaseline is a cheap alternative but lasts only a short time outside and can pick up unwanted dirt adhering to the paw.

New products are always coming on the market. Check with your veterinarian and don't forget to protect the rest of your pet from the cold by keeping them well groomed. A clean well-groomed coat insulates from both cold in winter and heat in summer better. Finally remember, like us, as dogs become elderly or arthritic they may require more protection from the elements than they did in their prime. Be as conscious of a senior pet potentially slipping on the ice as you would be of an elderly relative.

*Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.*

Well we are about to enter the heart of winter when we see temperatures of minus 20 degrees and lower outside and I don't want to walk my dog, although he is always ready and willing. Most dogs are amazingly well equipped to deal with the cold weather, but not every breed or individual can deal with this kind of cold without precautions.

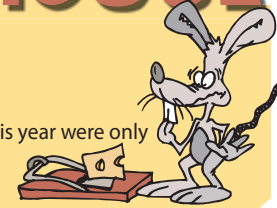
When dogs first walk on the cold snow you often see them limp or hold a paw up as they run around. Then given some time they seem to become more comfortable. A dog's pads are equipped with a very effective heat exchange system. Once the paw's blood vessels adjust to the cold, and as long as the pad is dry and healthy, the average dog can tolerate most very cold surfaces. Smaller dogs tend to be less tolerant than large breeds. There are exceptions. Dogs with long guard hairs and thick downy undercoats like shepherds and huskies do fine, but dogs with short fine fur like Dobermans have little tolerance for cold. Fortunately stores now stock doggie coats from your basic knitted sweater to fine sartorial splendour depending on the taste of the human companion.

Some people believe a mat of hair over the dog's foot pads will protect them. Not true. Matted fur and excessive hair tends to stay wet, collect ice balls, and hold chemicals such as de-icing agents and salt against the skin. A dog's paws will adjust to the cold more effectively if the hair is kept reasonably short and clean. After

## THE MOUSE

*Bev Smith*

Back Porch 5 AM  
Check the traps  
It's November and the mice this year were only  
About five.  
But end of season  
This one is very smart.  
Eerily.



I lined up the traps my patented way  
Five, in a circle. He'd have to step on one to get to another  
Surely.  
A bit of cheese placed just outside one, to entice.

Seems cruel but I have rules.  
Out there in the yard, under trees. Fine.  
He's in his world  
But the porch is my territory.

Each morning the cheese is gone.  
I marvel  
I rearrange them to a straight row, back to front  
I rearrange them to no pattern  
I put them in other locations to surprise him  
I buy more traps

Yesterday I put six in two rows, face to face  
With an end one so he'd be physically unable to not mess up  
And I waited.  
This morning the cheese was gone from three of them  
anyway.  
He had moved the end trap farther away, brilliantly  
And then gotten access to the first pair from the side.  
I had not thought of that.  
Wish I had motion-sensor camera to watch him

Does he have a friend?  
Does he reach through with tiny paws?

And I realize a mouse brain has outwitted my own -again.  
I went to the store to get better traps  
They had them.  
Kill traps with huge metal bars to slam down on him  
Or poison pellets -  
Costly but guaranteed.

And I could not bring myself to buy them.  
We are returning to our routine  
I feed him cheese daily  
In some sort of devious but gentle way that tests his IQ  
If he dies, he dies.  
But it makes it a fairer challenge.  
Respect.

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## IN & AROUND CALGARY

### Fire Safety

*A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities Building Safe Communities Program*

Each year the Calgary Fire Department responds to over 1000 fires in Calgary. Here are some tips on staying safe from the Calgary Fire Department:

- Ensure your bedroom doors are closed while you are sleeping
- Ensure there are smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home
- Ensure there are at least two exits out any room where people are sleeping (ex. a window and a door)
- Prepare a home fire escape plan including a meeting place

## IN & AROUND CALGARY

### EMS: Sledding Safety

Alberta Health Services, EMS, would like to remind parents and children of some basic sledding safety tips as the winter season continues. Sledding injuries can result from collisions with stationary objects, such as trees and rocks, or with other people on the hill. Unprotected falls can result in injury if you lose control at high speeds. Everyone is at risk – especially children. Have a fun and safe trip on the toboggan hill by following these simple reminders.

#### Equipment

- Ensure your sled is in good condition. Do not use sleds with broken parts, sharp edges, or splits in the material.
- Currently, there are no helmets designed specifically for sledding. However children should wear a properly fitted helmet designed for high impact collisions, such as hockey, cycling, or climbing helmets.

#### Hazards

- Avoid hills that are too steep, or too icy – you can lose control very quickly.
- Choose hills free of obstacles such as trees, rocks, utility poles, or fences.
- Be mindful of clothing that contains drawstrings, or loose clothing, such as scarves, which can present a choking hazard if they become caught or snagged.

#### Plan ahead

- Dress warmly in layers and anticipate weather changes.
- Consider bringing extra sets of gloves and toques to exchange wet garments for dry ones.
- Take breaks to warm up out of the cold.
- Ensure frostbite hasn't affected any exposed skin.
- Even when properly protected from the elements, the finger tips, toes, ears, the tip of the nose, and other high points on the face such as the forehead and cheek bones can be affected by frostbite.
- If frost bite has occurred, treat it by first removing the individual out of the cold environment. Gently warm the affected skin by placing a warm hand over it or by placing the affected part in warm water (not hot; ~41°C max.) until re-warmed.

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**THE indoor Gardener**

by Cindy deJager

**SOLEIROLIA HELXINE**  
(Baby's Tears)

A Baby's Tear Plant is a delicate looking house plant that resembles a mat or carpet of tiny green leaves as it spreads over the sides of its pot. Baby's Tears plants, which originally came from Corsica and Sardinia, have tiny round or bean-shaped leaves that grow on thin fragile stems. Baby's Tear houseplants can be used as table plants or small hanging plants.

My mother had this plant under a table lamp when I was a child, and I can still remember being irresistibly attracted to the tiny, fat leaves. I just bought myself a plant recently – you don't see them very often in the stores and I'm not quite sure why.

To be really successful with this plant it requires bright indirect light and only enough water to moisten the soil. Mist this little plant often because it needs more humidity than we have here in Calgary.

Soil:  
I have read that it gets tiny white flowers in the spring but I have never seen one in bloom.

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- **February 1 to 29 - YYC Hot Chocolate Fest:** Participating restaurants and cafes across Calgary each create a signature hot chocolate and try to win Calgarians' hearts — the hot chocolate with the most votes takes home the title of Calgary's Best Hot Chocolate. [www.yychotchocolate.com](http://www.yychotchocolate.com)
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- **February 12 to 14 - Block Heater: A Winter Music Extravaganza:** There's a new music festival in Calgary over the Family Day long weekend. More than 20 artists perform at three Inglewood venues over three days. [www.calgaryfolkfest.com](http://www.calgaryfolkfest.com)
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- **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 Calgary's annual fundraiser has an otherworldly theme. This gala takes participants to a different galaxy. [www.theatrecalgary.com](http://www.theatrecalgary.com)



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**January at Trico Centre**  
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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.)

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

**Price Freeze**  
• 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.  
• Family Night: Sunday Night is Family Night – swim from 6 to 8pm and/or gymnasium from 6-7pm. Free for members; non-members \$3 per person.

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Happy New Year to all. A time for new or renewed resolutions and a time to plan and implement a few goals for the year. For many the New Year means a commitment to spending more time with family and friends, a commitment to become more involved with community and neighbours. Whatever your resolutions or goals are for 2016, I wish you the very best for success.

So often we hear people say that we shouldn't look to the past, always look forward. Look to the future. Absolutely! However there are times when you can best move forward by recalling where we have been.

2015 has certainly been a year of change. Change can be unnerving for some. However, thoughtful change can have unprecedented and remarkable outcomes. On May 5th, Albertans sought change and this government is responding to Albertans in new and exciting ways.

**Human Rights** – Though Bill 7, our government moved to protect all rights including rights for transgender individuals.

**Climate Change Plan** – The Climate Leadership Plan will strengthen our economy and make Alberta one of the most environmentally-responsible energy producers in the world. The plan will:

- move Alberta away from coal and towards clean, renewable power
- reduce pollution by putting a price on it
- legislate a cap on oil sands emissions
- make Alberta a leader in energy efficiency
- dramatically cut high-polluting methane emissions

Why is this important?

- we are doing the right thing, showing leadership to protect our health, environment and economy for future generations
- a made-in-Alberta plan means we won't have climate change programs imposed on us from outside our borders
- this plan works for our province and our industries, and keeps our capital here in Alberta
- To improve our reputation so we can move forward on new pipeline projects

We are happy to have the support of industry leaders, Cenovus, Suncor and the Chamber of Commerce.

**Job Creation Incentive Program** – over the past year, many Albertans and their families have been worried about their jobs and the state of the economy as oil prices fall. Our government has been working hard to bring as much economic stability as we can in this challenging situation.

- The first budget was released October 27th. It focuses on stabilizing our public services, returning our province to balance, stimulating economic growth, diversification and job creation.
- This will be the most extensive program of its kind in Canada as it will support employment across all non-public sectors and organizations of all sizes.
- The program will encourage new hiring by providing grants to employers for creating new positions. Grants will be worth up to \$ 5,000 for each new job and employers will be eligible for up to \$ 500,000 in total support – the equivalent of 100 new full-time jobs per organization. Grants will be made available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit [work.alberta.ca/jobcreation](http://work.alberta.ca/jobcreation).
- We will help improve the access to capital for small businesses to allow them the ability to grow and flourish.

St. Mary's University - After a breakthrough season in 2014/2015, the St. Mary's Lightning women's basketball team is starting getting noticed. In November, the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) released its top 15 ranking list for November 17th and, for the first time ever, the Lightning have cracked the top 15 teams in the country at number 14. If you haven't already, try and take in a game soon. I am proud to be the MLA for St. Mary's University.

I enjoy attending community events, if you would like me to attend yours, I will do my best to be available. If you have concerns regarding community issues you can reach me through my constituency assistant Carole: 403-256-8969.

My office can provide Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths services and provincial pins, if you need a few.

**OPEN HOUSE** - Please join us on January 6 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy 2016!

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### Happy New Year to Ward 13!

With another year behind us, I truly hope you and yours enjoyed a wonderful and warm holiday season surrounded by family, friends and loved ones.

As many of you know, 2015 was a big year for Calgarians as we all adjusted to tough economic times and struggled with family members and neighbours losing employment. But I look forward to the new year as City Council has accelerated capital projects to kickstart the economy and invest in new jobs and opportunities for 2016.

### Province of Alberta Closes Hwy 22X Dog Park

I, among several residents are very disappointed with the news about the Provincial closure of the Spruce Meadows temporary off-leash dog park, located just off of Hwy 22X.

Unfortunately, the decision for the closure was not mine, nor The City of Calgary's jurisdiction to make, as the area is within the Province of Alberta's Transportation Utility Corridor and is owned by The Province through the Alberta Infrastructure department.

The space is currently being leased by Spruce Meadows with the lease ending on December 31, 2015. The Province is not intending to renew the lease with Spruce Meadows in preparation for construction of the Southwest Calgary Ring Road. If you have further questions regarding this park closure, please contact The Province's Alberta Infrastructure Department toll-free at 310-0000.

### Community Association President Spotlight: Cec Jahrig of Woodcreek

Cec Jahrig has been the Community Association President for Woodcreek over the past five terms. Cec has been a tireless volunteer since taking over the Presidency in 2010 and was also Vice President prior to that.

Cec not only is a Chartered Professional Accountant, but he is also retired from a background in real estate. When the Woodcreek Community Association was in need of a treasurer, Cec was interested in the role. As luck would

have it however, six other candidates had also put their names forward for the position. As a result, Cec decided instead to focus on volunteering on the fundraising side for Woodcreek and eventually ran for President.

Cec has seen the CA memberships soar during his time in office with a total of 2,401 members since 2010, and 1,100 of those members signed up just last year. He has built a great team of volunteers, and without their efforts, the Woodcreek Community Association wouldn't be as successful as it currently stands.

Other accomplishments which Cec has overseen in his tenure included improving community engagement by adding office space, expanding the current facilities to accommodate the community, repaving the Woodbine tennis courts, the building of pickle ball courts, the creation of a skate park, installation of basketball courts in both Woodbine and Woodlands and upgrading the flood lights. Cec is dedicated in recruiting volunteers to organize community and sporting events at the community hall. He is most proud of the support from the entire board and volunteers and has seen a substantial increase in community support throughout the years.

Cec, for all you do and have done for our City, I would like to express a heartfelt thank you on behalf of everyone you serve.



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Thanks to all who joined us for our Christmas Open House! From our family to yours, we hope you had a safe, happy holiday season and we send you our best wishes for a super 2016!

Our Proud Alberta PC MLA Team: Dr Richard Starke, Dave Rodney, Wayne Drysdale, Rick Fraser, Manmeet Bhullar, Sandra Jansen, Ric McIver, Mike Ellis and Richard Gotfried

### Effective and Respectful Opposition ~ Serving as the Voices of Reason

I am very pleased to tell you that our PC Caucus continues to stand up for hard-working Albertans everywhere, and has proven what an effective, respectful opposition looks like. Over the past seven months, PC MLA's have continued to push on issues from the energy sector to affordable housing; and from the forgotten issues of our forestry industry, to the needs of Albertans facing challenging economic times. Our caucus stood side-by-side with farmers and ranchers in the fight for reason with Bill 6, as they struggled to have their voices and concerns heard. I put forward a motion to suspend the bill until farmers and ranchers were consulted; but the new NDP government was deaf to that. Instead, they simply continued a trend that started just when they were elected in May: ignoring the concerns and issues of Albertans, while pushing forward an agenda that will take on unprecedented debt and burden our children with insurmountable costs in the future. From failing to listen to the farmers and ranchers that help feed our province, to telling Albertans who are losing their jobs to go to British Columbia, this government has shown a lack of respect the citizens of this great province. (For my member's statement on the problems with the new NDP government, please visit daverodney.ca. You may be very surprised at the incredibly long list, especially for having been in government for just seven months!)

Meanwhile, our PC caucus is upbeat and creative in its solutions to the realities we currently face in Albertans; and we simply will not give up!

### What have I been up to lately?

Our interim leader was provided this update for a member's statement in the Legislature:

"PC MLA Dave Rodney, the longest serving member of our caucus, has been a champion for his Calgary-Lougheed residents regarding issues affecting students, seniors, those negatively affected by the NDP's ill-advised responses to the economic situation, and all who are eagerly anticipating the completion of the Southwest Calgary Ring Road. As critic/shadow cabinet minister/advocate, he has fought for Advanced Education and Innovation by illustrating inconsistencies in budget estimates; and suggesting positive, proactive solutions. He has also been relentless in calling out the government on its notion to forge a new relationship with Aboriginal peoples: it was his question regarding the silence in the Throne Speech in the first week of the legislature that prompted the Premier's Apology for Residential Schools. He also pushed the premier, the minister, and the government regarding representation on agencies, boards and commissions--such as the Premier's Council on Economic Development--which was a clear oversight by the government. He brought to light the lack of consultation on the impact to businesses on the climate change plan, the failure to make public the Panel Review report on the Lower Athabasca Regional Plan, and the lack of government response to the fentanyl crisis--which is claiming lives at an absolutely tragic rate."

### Losing an Invaluable Member of our Team

Tragically, in late November, our dear friend and honourable colleague Manmeet Bhullar succumbed to his injuries from a terrible accident on Highway 2, just north of Red Deer. He died doing what he did best—helping people. As a resident, an MLA, a Minister, and an opposition critic, Manny's influence was deeply felt in our city, our province, our country, and around the world. He will be missed greatly; but we will soldier on—with his courageous spirit inside each one of us!

To receive this newsletter two weeks early and to be on our "E-list" for other important updates, please e-mail us at: calgary.lougheed@assembly.ab.ca. For important updates on issues affecting Calgary-Lougheed, please call, fax, e-mail, drop by our office, or visit daverodney.ca, anytime!

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