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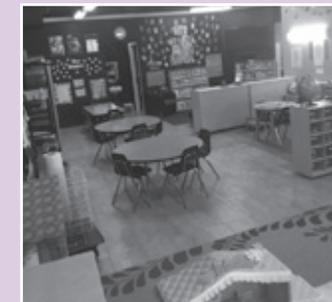
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01 GROW	Grow a Mo, save a Bro	The moustache is our ribbon for men's health	For the 30 days in the month formerly known as 'November'
02 MOVE	Get active for men's health	Raise funds for men's health while you do something good for your own health	Anytime, anywhere, during the month of Movember
03 HOST	Throw or go to a Movember event	Any excuse for a good time. Events are a great way to have fun and raise funds for men's health	Anytime, anywhere, during the month of Movember



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Somerset

INFORMATION for
SOMERSET RESIDENTS



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.

LEST WE FORGET

1.1 million Canadians served in the Army, Navy and Air Forces over the course of WWII; 45,000 Canadians died and for each that died, four were injured.



Somerset Real Estate Stats

Last 12 Months Somerset
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
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
November 2015	\$399,900.00	\$389,750.00

Last 12 Months Somerset MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
October 2016	13	8
September 2016	6	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
November 2015	8	2

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above MLS averages please visit somerset.great-news.ca

Somerset/Bridlewood mybabysitterlist

Name	Age	Contact	Course
ABC Babysitting	13	403-201-0247	Yes
Abdullah	14	587-889-4532	Yes
Alexandra	14	403-201-4971	Yes
Amber	31	587-438-4789	Yes
Andreea	14	403-202-5610	Yes
Ariana	25	403-470-8649	No
Brianne	18	403-999-6906	Yes
Carolina	39	403-700-0500	No
Chayce	23	587-227-8296	Yes
Cynthia	15	403-276-4548	No
Dana	14	403-285-0209	Yes
Erin	15	403-254-2020	Yes
Gabriel	15	587-777-4616	No
Janelle	24	403-808-2505	Yes
Jewelyn	38	403-926-3703	Yes
Lois	13	403-700-2331	Yes
Nicole	17	587-968-6201	No
Paige	13	403-201-0247	Yes
Rochelle	16	403-700-2881	No
Shamaya	16	403-464-5443	Yes
Shay	15	587-899-3512	Yes
Sonya	21	403-389-5921	Yes
Yuliya	18	403-401-6283	No

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Calling All PARENTS

Visit mybabysitter.ca and find available babysitters in and around your community.

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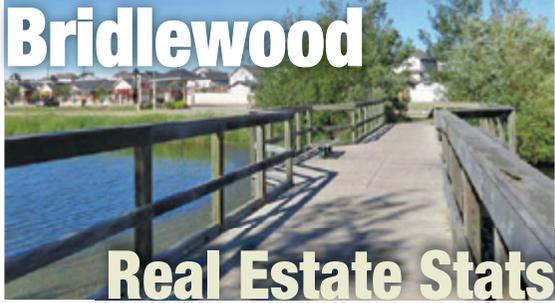
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Last 12 Months Bridlewood
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
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
November 2015	\$429,000.00	\$420,000.00

Last 12 Months Bridlewood
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
October 2016	12	13
September 2016	23	15
August 2016	15	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
November 2015	13	15

To view the specific SOLD Listings that comprise the above
MLS averages please visit bridlewood.great-news.ca

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIRS

4th Annual St. William Christmas Craft Market: 11020 Fairmount Dr SE (across from Southcentre Mall and Trico). Saturday December 3 10am – 3pm.

Annual Bow Cliff Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale
Nov. 26, 10am – 3pm. 3375 Spruce Dr. SW

Bonavista Christmas Craft Fair. Nov. 19 – 20, 11am – 4pm. 1401 Acadia Dr SE. www.lakebonavistacommunity.com.

St Gerard's Bazaar: Annual Bazaar and Garage Sale. Saturday, November 19, 2016. 9:00-3:00 pm. St. Gerard's Church. 8944 Elbow Dr. SW.

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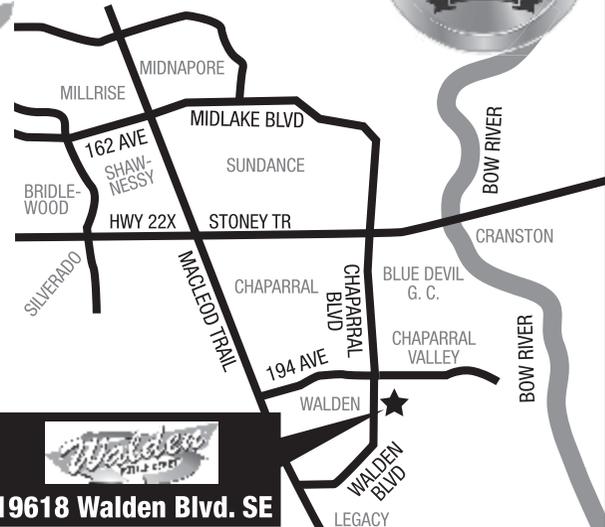
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How to get mom to agree to a pet lizard!

I always wanted a pet reptile as a child, but like the myriad of other exotic pets I campaigned for, I was never successful in acquiring a snake or lizard. Now as a veterinarian and Mom of two boys I get to vicariously have all kinds of wonderful pets. "The boys wanted it"; this is the story my husband gets and I'm sticking to it. Fortunately with a little research and the help of a fellow lizard lover we became the proud owners of a Leopard Gecko called "Gecky".

Gecky, the Leopard Gecko, is a perfect pet in my eyes. He eats mealworms and crickets that are dipped in a calcium powder. He has a little container of a vitamin-mineral mixture he snacks on and a small water bowl. Room light is sufficient with a small heated pad stuck to the tank bottom providing additional heat he can move away or towards as he needs. Leopard Geckos can't even get out of the tank if the lid is left off by small children. Gecky did have a heat lamp (unnecessary) but that was eliminated when my six-year old tried to burn the house down. This sweet little creature will happily sit on your shirt through an evening of television. A dampened tissue is placed in the corner of the tank Gecky chose to use as his bathroom so cage cleaning is a breeze. This is a fabulous low-maintenance pet for young children with minimal supervision during handling periods. It is really gross when the tail falls off and twitches around for a while but they grow back.

Why did I say fortunately we picked a Gecko earlier? A neighbor asked us to babysit their Bearded Dragon, Steve. I have treated these wonderful attractive lizards but never kept one. Theory is easier than practice!

Steve arrived in his massive aquarium equipped with under tank heater, heat lamp, and two lights on a twelve hour cycle providing full spectrum lighting. There are multiple electronic thermometers to ensure the proper temperature gradients between 85 to 100 degrees F. Not the most attractive setup. Bearded Dragons are omnivores. So in the morning I cut Steve's veggies and fruit into pieces "smaller than the distance between his eyes". Then there was his daily quota of mealworms and crickets. Did I mention the cricket tank with over a hundred large live SINGING crickets?

Steve poops. He poops once a day and it needs to be removed immediately. I have treated thousands of animals of many, many species and I have worked in a pathology laboratory with animals in various stages of decomposition. I have to say the stench of Bearded Dragon poops elevate their owners to martyrs. Even after disposal it lingers in your nostrils and sinuses for hours. So Steve, I did like you, especially when you charged around your cage with your tail arched over your back gobbling up crickets. I liked to cuddle you Steve, but I was glad to see you go home.

If you are considering getting an exotic pet don't limit your research to learning about the care and needs of these creatures from books. Talk to people who actually own the exotic pet you're considering. Try to get a look at the set-up and even babysit as we did. Join TARAS, the Alberta Reptile and Amphibian Society. We won't be getting a Bearded Dragon but I hope the boys consider a cockatiel one day, I have always wanted one...

Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.



Winter Word Fair

Kickoff the holiday season with Calgary Public Library's Winter Word Fair—your one-stop bookish Christmas shop featuring unique vendors, entertainment, and refreshments.

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Library Updates

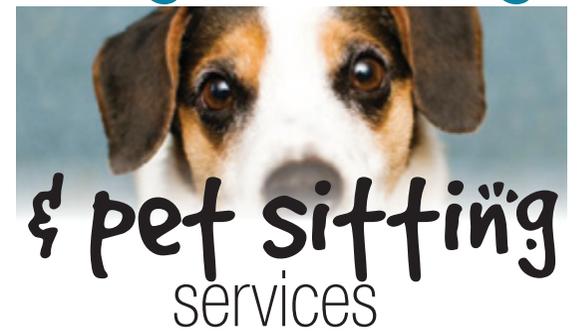
The Library will be closed Friday, November 11, for Remembrance Day.

The Children's Library at Village Square Library has been completed and is open for play and reading! Your kids will love the brand-new vibrant and interactive Early Learning Centre!

Renovations to the Nose Hill Library have been completed. Make sure to drop by and see the revitalized space!

The November/December *Library Connect* is now available. Pick up your guide to the Library's free programs and events at any community library, or download a copy at calgarylibrary.ca.

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DECEMBER

**YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS
AT A GLANCE...**

Nov. 28 – Dec. 21 It's A Wonderful Life: A Radio Play – Lunchbox Theatre: It's A Wonderful Life is the classic tale of George Bailey, conceived as a live 1940's radio broadcast, a cast of 5 actors will bring this classic holiday story of love and redemption to life on stage! Everyday but Sundays, noon – 1 pm at Lunchbox Theatre. More info www.lunchboxtheatre.com

Dec. 2 – 4 The International Christmas Market at Spruce Meadows: Enjoy the warm atmosphere of this much-celebrated market which boasts 250 vendors with world-imported items, hand-crafted gifts and much more. Fire pits and lively entertainment are sure to keep you in the spirit – just in time for the holidays. For info www.sprucemeadows.com/christmas_market

Nov. 19 – Dec. 18 Once Upon A Christmas – Heritage Park: Take a step back into true holiday enchantment this Christmas with wagon rides, singing carols and even jolly old St. Nick himself. Experience the magic of Christmas past and activities like: gingerbread decorating, Santa's petting zoo, children's crafts and a vintage photo parlour. More info www.heritagepark.ca

Dec. 15, 8 pm A Rockin' Little Christmas – Jack Singer Concert Hall: This upbeat concert will include a range of cheery, seasonal hits including Santa Baby, Jingle Bell Rock, White Christmas and many other favourites. Joining the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra for this concert is the Jeans 'N' Classics band and four vocalists. More info www.calgaryphil.com

Nov. 26 – Jan. 8 Lion's Festival of Lights: The Festival of Lights is the largest free drive-by Christmas Lights showcase in Calgary. It's comprised of over 300,000 lights along 14th St NW. Designed by James Alafritz, Creative Intelligence Agency. More info www.lionsfestivaloflights.ca

Dec. 2 - 4, 9 -11, 16 – 18 Market Collective Cheer: Enjoy a market that's perhaps a bit more eclectic this year at Market Collective's Cheer event. With fare like, clothing, chocolate and jewellery on offer, and more unusual vendors with woodworking, paper products and leather work for sale, there is surely something for everyone at this event. Located at The Chinese Cultural Centre. More info www.marketcollective.ca

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Let's make sure that no one in our communities go hungry this holiday season.

The holiday season is just around the corner and this year the South West Communities Resource Centre (SWCRC) will be helping local families in 28 communities make it through the stressful time of November and December 2016. Our community resource workers often see local families who require food hampers and help others with resources for basic needs; unfortunately the demand for these services are expected to grow in the weeks to come. We understand that the neighbourhoods in South West Calgary are diverse and there are many who continue to thrive, while others are struggling to pay bills, put food on their tables and meet their basic needs. We need the help of **Neighbours Helping Neighbours**.

This holiday season the SWCRC will focus on the "Celebration of Food" – something that ties families together no matter what your culture is or your family's belief. Food is an extension of all cultures that brings people together and gives us something to share. It encourages conversations. Sadly many families will not have the gift of great food on their plates this year. Budgets for food are the first to slip and food hampers don't provide choice. This year we are asking for YOUR help in providing opportunities for vulnerable families to *purchase their own* groceries.

For six weeks in November and December 2016 we are asking neighbours to **help by purchasing a Grocery Gift card** for us to give to local families who can use your support. Your donation of \$50.00 will put fresh produce on the table for a family of four. A donation of \$100.00 will provide the dairy and breads with the fresh produce, and 250.00 will allow a family in South West Calgary celebrate a feast with all the trimmings. We ask that you provide a receipt with the card and you will be provided a charitable donation receipt. We are also happy to accept financial contributions which will support many of these families in 2017.

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Thanks for helping to make south west Calgary the best place to live for all residents.



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I am proud to be the MLA for Calgary Shaw, a riding I believe is one of the most vibrant in the province. It's my pleasure to share a few upcoming developments that will have an impact on your city and communities. I look forward to hearing from you with any questions or concerns.

Fish Creek Park

Recently, I had the opportunity to join Hilo, Diesel, and Seuss, three K-9s who normally guard our borders from invasive zebra mussels, at an exciting event in Fish Creek Park. They will be spending the winter helping park officials map the invasive weed *thesium arvense*. Fish Creek Park is the weed's only known location in Canada. Once mapped parks officials will contain and eliminate this weed which restricts the ability of native plants to flourish. Together with the great work that the Friends of Fish Creek are doing to combat invasive weeds in the park, this initiative will help ensure the Park is available for all to enjoy for many years to come.

City Charter

Our government is continuing to develop a City Charter for both Calgary and Edmonton in consultation with community members and businesses. This is about much more than just taxes. The City Charter will help define the relationship between the City of Calgary and the Provincial Government to help support community planning, environmental stewardship, and administrative efficiency. The City of Calgary's population is larger than half the Canadian provinces and as such deals with unique challenges around housing, utilities, and traffic regulations among other issues. The current legislation was put in place when Calgary was a town of 100 people. This Charter will help modernize Calgary and maintain it as a competitive city. Your feedback is important and will help create a Calgary you can be proud of. Please send any comments on the Charter to my office.

Education

Our government is in the process of reviewing our edu-

cation curriculum. As a former business operator, one thing that I noticed was the fact that our schools sometimes fail to prepare our children for work in the private sector. As we move into a more global market, our kids will be competing with graduates from all over the world, so it is important that our education system stays modern and competitive. We will be soliciting public submissions online or you can contact my office directly for input on these important issues.

'Extra Life' Fundraiser

On November 5th starting at 11:00am, I will be participating in the fundraiser "Extra Life", a 24 hour gaming marathon, to support **The Children's Miracle Network**. My team will be participating from my office and we will be open for the full 24 hours. Join me and my team while we play some retro video games, share coffee and pizza, and support a wonderful cause! I hope to see you there.



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Swan Evergreen Assisted Living Facility

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly constructed assisted-living facility in Evergreen was held on September 28th. The owners have built a beautiful facility and have partnered with AHS to ensure the best leading seniors care and assisted-living services in our City. Having run a long-term care facility myself as an RN, I was so impressed while on tour about all the important amenities that will be made available for our seniors. They will be living in the lap of luxury with the whole approach geared towards active living.

Cllr Diane's Ward 13 Traffic Safety Bus Tour

On September 20th, I took my staff along with Community Association Presidents on my Traffic Safety Bus Tour to do several detailed site visits of pedestrian safety concerns and speeding locations in Ward 13. Our key City staff was there to help and guide us along: Troy McLeod (Director, Roads), Ravi Seera (Manager, Traffic) and Dale Lynch (Manager, Transportation Solutions). Right on the spot, they were able to suggest key actions to address these concerns this coming fall.

Many intersections and pedestrian crossings were identified for safety improvements. This approach will now be used for other communities in The City. If you have concerns, please let me know.

South West Ring Road Developer's Winning Bid

As part of the Government of Alberta's Design, Build, Finance, Operate (DBFO) delivery model, a business case was prepared to ensure the DBFO procurement was appropriate for the SW segment of the Calgary Ring Road. That meant that under the DBFO process, a private-sector partner would be responsible for the design, construction, partial financing, and operation/maintenance of the roadway for 30 years. The road will be finished three years earlier through conventional delivery. To date, the Alberta government has committed

approximately \$1.9 billion toward the construction of the Calgary Ring Road.

On June 22nd, Mountain View Partners won the tender and was selected as the preferred proponent, beating out Southwest Connect and Valley Link Partners to secure the bid. Mountain View Partners were given till September 13th to execute the final DFBO Agreement with government. They are comprised of:

- Project Lead: Meridiam Infrastructure North America Fund II, as managed by Meridiam Infrastructure North America Corp.
- Financing Lead: Meridiam Infrastructure North America Fund II, as managed by Meridiam Infrastructure North America Corp.
- Design-Construction Lead: Kiewit Management Co.
- Operation and Maintenance Lead: Alberta Highway Services Ltd.

The Southwest Calgary Ring Road project involves construction from Highway 8 to Macleod Trail SE including reconstruction of Glenmore Trail from Sarcee Trail to east of 37 Street, and includes:

- 31 km of six- and eight lane divided highway with 14 interchanges;
- One road flyover and one railway crossing (flyover); and
- Three river crossings over the Elbow River and Fish Creek.

Upcoming Ward 13 Pocketbook Guide Announcement

My team and I have been working on an informational **Pocketbook Guide** to help connect you with all the support services you may need during these challenging economic times. Our **Pocketbook Guide** will help you to navigate the comprehensive City service network. Here you will find access to transportation, parks, emergency services, animal bylaws, refuse and recycling, and anything in between – your one-stop guide.

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