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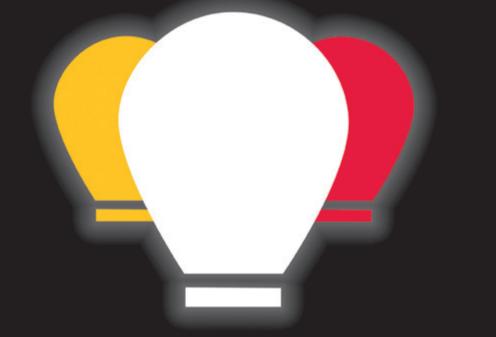
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# **This Blood Cancer Awareness Month**



# Shine a Light on Blood Cancers

Add a light at LightTheNight4BloodCancer.ca Donations up to \$100,000 will be matched.



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.



Name	Age	Contact	Course
ABC Babysitting	13	403-201-0247	Yes
Abdullah	14	587-889-4532	Yes
Alexandra	14	403-201-4971	Yes
Amber	30	587-438-4789	Yes
Andreea	14	403-202-5610	Yes
Ariana	25	403-470-8649	No
Brianne	18	403-999-6906	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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choose the Calgary communities you would like to babysit in.

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

**Disclaimer:** We recommend for your own peace of mind that references be checked when choosing your babysitter. This babysitter list is provided as a service to the community and is governed by the terms & conditions outlined at mybabysitter.ca.



The stately, sandstone Lougheed House, located in Calgary's beltline, is said to be one of the most haunted places in our city. http://www.lougheedhouse.com/



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# **STEP INTO FALL**

Are you thinking of becoming more active?

The University of Calgary is recruiting volunteers for a 12-week physical activity study.

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**To participate you must be:** -18 years of age or older

-Exercising less than 3 days per week -Have internet access

You will be asked to wear a pedometer for 3 months, log your activity onto a website, and complete 3 questionnaires.

**By completing the 3 questionnaires you will receive:** -A pedometer (\$25 value) -\$10 gift card -Prize draw entry for \$1000 gift card

**To participate contact:** Research Coordinator 403.210.7044 or perryr@ucalgary.ca

Ethics ID: REB15-2944 This study has been approved by the University of Calgary Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board.



# Last 12 Months Somerset MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price			
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			
October 2015	\$449,888.00	\$438,250.00			

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

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	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
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
October 2015	10	9

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

# IN & AROUND CALGARY

# **Fraud Awareness** A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities

Join us and Cst. Andrew Critchley from the Crime Prevention Unit at the Calgary Police service for a presentation that will focus on fraud awareness, common scams and best practices to avoid being a victim. Learn what resources are available to communities and how the Calgary Police Service responds to these issues.

Date: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 Location: Capitol Hill Community Association (1531 - 21 Avenue NW) Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

For more information and to register for this FREE event, visit calgarycommunities.com/workshops-events/

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# Free Health Talks

Plantar Fasciitis Sat Oct 15 @ Noon Get A Free Cold Laser Demo & Computer Foot & Gait Scan



# Wed Oct 26 @ 6 PM Get A Free MindFit Therapy

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Bridlewood Real Estate Stats

Last 12 Months Bridlewood MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
September 2016	\$427,400.00	\$415,500.00
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
October 2015	\$424,900.00	\$415,000.00

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

No. New Properties No. Properties Sold

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September 2016	24	14
August 2016	17	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
October 2015	17	23

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# THE GREAT DEBATE: FRONT-WHEEL, REAR-WHEEL, OR ALL-WHEEL DRIVE?

With winter around the corner, drivers should know how their vehicle will handle in various situations so that they can be prepared for poor weather conditions.

"While modern anti-lock braking system, electronic traction, and stability control technologies all provide added grip and handling regardless of the drive wheels, the driving dynamics of each vehicle are unique," says Jacob Black, senior editor at autoTRADER.ca. He explains the pros and cons of each type in easy-to-follow language:

Front-wheel drive. FWD is the most common configuration in modern passenger vehicles. They're less expensive to produce and offer a more efficient use of space since there's no driveline routed through the cabin. With the engine usually located in the front of the vehicle, this setup also offers good traction from a standstill in snow and slush.

Rear-wheel drive. RWD is most often found on pickups and performance-focused sports cars or sedans. Pickups benefit from it when carrying a heavy load in the bed or towing. RWD in a performance car allows for more ideal handling dynamics and balanced weight distribution. But it can also provide less traction in slippery conditions and tends to oversteer when applying power during cornering, which some find unpredictable and unnerving.

All-wheel drive. Just as the name states, AWD systems are capable of delivering power to all four wheels, many of which are now able to divert additional traction from front-to-back or side-to-side, depending on conditions. Offering well-balanced driving dynamics and traction over a variety of road conditions, AWD also tends to suffer from higher fuel consumption due to the added weight and components.

The verdict. While all-wheel drive generally offers the best grip, it has a few shortcomings and can create a false sense of security. While there are theories about the optimal drive, a lot depends on the vehicle and its intended application. In many cases, having good tires is more important than which wheels the power is coming from. Remember that no matter what you choose, in the end it's less about what you drive than how you drive.

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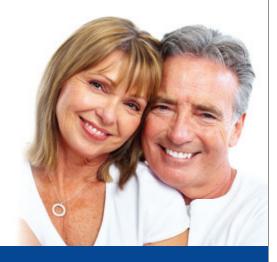
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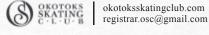
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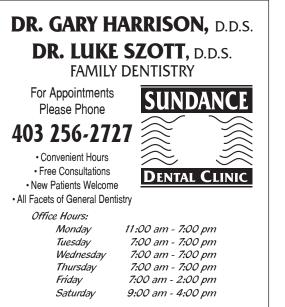
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# Calling All Neighbours!



To have your Family profiled (Story and Professional Pictures) in the next edition of this Community Newsletter, please send us an email to **SB@great-news.ca** 





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As School Councils start meeting for the new school year, as well as community leagues

and associations resuming business, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who assume these roles and take on these responsibilities. It can be a thankless job, so I really want to take this opportunity to say thanks for all the hard work you put in. If there is any way that I or my office can be of assistance, please let us know. We are happy to attend any meeting or have any formal one on one meetings with representatives.

#### Pressures on schools

I am very well aware about the capacity issues we are facing at our schools in the South end of the city. I see it every day, with my two sons attending school in the riding. It is unfortunate that past administra-

tions allowed us to fall behind; however, we are working hard to ensure that our over 200 new builds and revitalizations are done on time and on budget. New schools, like the middle school in Evergreen and the new high school in Legacy, will help remove the pressure that schools in this riding continue to face.

#### Supporting small business

Over the summer I met many people who were building new startup businesses, growing existing ones or starting them at home. It has been remarkable to see how resilient people are during these tough economic times. I would be more than happy to sit down with any small businesses and discuss some of the opportunities that are available for them. Whether it be improving access to capital or supporting the reduction in the small business tax rate, I am always here to stand and support small businesses in Alberta.

#### Moving to reduce spending

It is no secret that the fire in Fort McMurray has had an impact on our budget. It is also no secret that the low price of oil has led to low returns in royalties. As we face this hard economic time, people rely even more on our social services and our health care system. We cannot let people who depend on these services down by laying-off nurses and social workers. What we can do and have been doing is to work to find efficiencies in



the system. Every ministry has been tasked to bend the curve in their spending. We have also embarked on a review of agencies, boards and commissions, and have disbanded or amalgamated nearly 30, to provide significant savings to the tax payers. We will continue to work hard to do what we can to reduce and control spending in Alberta.

#### Indigenous outreach

A month ago I had the opportunity to participate in a round table discussion at St. Mary's University on urban Aboriginal challenges faced off reserve. It was great to have the Minister of Indigenous Relations, Richard Feehan, come to the riding.

He understands the opportunities we have here in Calgary and the fact that we need our local supports and resource centers to assist with challenges. I want to thank Métis Calgary Family Services located in Sundance for the support they have provided to me to help our government address opportunities and to move forward on the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.





# COUNCILLOR, WARD 13

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#### **October at Trico Centre**

Trico Centre for Family Wellness is a non-profit, community-owned and operated recreation facility. Our memberships are affordable and our programs are family-friendly. With a membership, you can work out in the fitness centre, take more than 70-drop-in fitness classes a week, use the gymnasium, swim, skate, or play shinny, plus you get 20% off our fun, active registered programs.

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.)

#### Price Freeze

Recession-busting price freeze in effect at Trico Centre on memberships, admissions, and program fees. No increase from September 2015 to April 2017.

#### Adults

- Register now for adult fitness starting in November: Cardio Kickboxing, Ballet Barre Blast, Cardio Dance, and DANCEPI3Y.
- More than 70 drop-in fitness classes every week including aquafitness in our newly refurbished pool. Free for members, drop-in fee for non-members. See the Drop-In Fitness schedule at www.tricocentre.ca under the Schedules tab or pick up a copy at Guest Services.
- October Wellness Workshops include: Foam Roller Workshop, Mindful Relaxation Intro Workshop, and

Straighten Up (free info session followed by a 4-eweek workshop – for youth and adults.)

#### Older Adults

- Bones and Balance, Chair Yoga, and Balance Builders: Fall Prevention Program for Older Adults: These multiweek registered programs start in November.
- Drop-in Pickleball is offered several times a week. Check out the Drop-In Gym schedule (available on the website or at Guest Services.) Free for members or drop-in fee for non-members.

#### Families, Children & Youth

- All children's programs from tots to teens start in November. Swim lessons, skating lessons, dance, gymnastics, sport, and creative classes – lots of new options.
- Li'l Spooks Halloween Party, Sunday, October 30 from 4:30 to 7:30pm. Join us for games, activities, and wave pool fun. Members \$15 per family, Non-Members \$20 per family.
- NEW: Get Certified: October certification classes include CPRC/AED original and recert, First Aid/CPR Full original and recert.
- Register now for Mommy & Me Fitness, Mommy & Me Barre, and Mommy/Daddy/Me Aquafit new sessions beginning in November.
- Check out the Drop-In Gym schedule for drop-in gym, Drop-In Playtime, Drop-In Gymnastics, youth drop-in gym, and more. See the Drop-In Arena schedule for lots of cool activities including leisure skate, youth shinny, and stick & puck.



Ward 13 Traffic Safety Town Hall – October 12, 2016 I have invited the Calgary Police Service (CPS), the City Safer Mobility Operations Team and Traffic Section Management Team to join me at my upcoming Traffic Safety Community Town Hall for my Ward 13 communities. Traffic concerns are the number one issue raised. Please come out on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 7pm – 9pm at the Canyon Meadows Community Association (844 Cantabrian Drive SW). I need your feedback on hotspots.

#### Water Fluoridation in The City of Calgary

Over the past many months since the research study on "Measuring the Short-Term Impact of Fluoridation Cessation on Dental Caries in Grade 2 Children" was released by lead author and Albertan, Dr. Lindsay McLaren, I have been meeting frequently with Councillors Demong and Pootmans to consider not only the findings, but to determine what an objective go-forward plan could be for Calgary City Council to consider.

An important aspect of our meetings has included seeking professional expertise and advice from the University of Calgary's O'Brien Institute for Public Health (OIPH) and from Dr. Richard Musto, MD, FRCPC – Medical Officer of Health – Calgary Zone – Alberta Health Services. While Dr. Musto is certainly an advocate for fluoridation, that is contrasted by Dr. William Ghali, the Scientific Director of the OIPH who approaches matters such as this from a purely scientific non-advocacy perspective.

It is because of these conversations and advice, that we have developed the approach outlined in our Notice of Motion (presented to Council on September 12<sup>th</sup>). The Institute has established deep engagement and longitudinal partnerships with governments, health systems, and public health agencies that shape policies that influence our health. The OIPH is a credible agency to undertake this work. I would like to continue hearing from you on all pros and cons of this debate to use

in our evaluation and research process. To learn more, please email my office for links on my recent coverage in the media.

#### **0% Property Tax Increase**

For weeks prior to the Strategic Meeting of Councilon June 27<sup>th</sup>, I asked what it would look like if property taxes were not raised to the proposed 4.7 percent (through *ActionPlan*), and instead, somewhere between zero and 3.2 percent.

On June 11<sup>th</sup>l held my Mobile Town Hall to help me get a better understanding of the needs of my constituents. The event gave me a forum to hear your concerns and your feedback helped to open my eyes to the needs of our Ward.

With the notion of a zero percent tax increase, services would have to be re-examined, adjusted, and possibly even cut. After speaking with my constituents, as well as my fellow Calgarians outside of Ward 13, I'm seeing more and more of an understanding that to see some sort of tax relief, it would mean a less strict quality of service target for City services. Although answers to which services citizens would lessen or cut altogether is a different story. That's the million dollar question.

When City Council approved the Four-Year Budget in 2014, financially, it was a much more optimistic and different time. Our City's economic outlook was prosperous. Much has changed and we need to change with them. In our current financial situation, City Council approved a vote to utilize the City's Fiscal Stability Reserve Fund, to be used in times of need.

With the economic downturn felt in our City, we as your elected officials need to make decisions that help to not only sustain us but to ensure prosperity in the future, while also giving credit to Administration in finding efficiencies that have already saved our City tens of millions of dollars.



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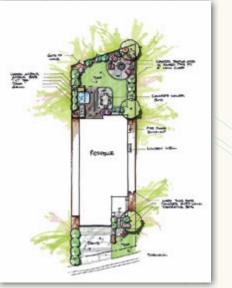
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