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Minis will be back in the Fall, but look out for our Mountaineers in the Station Playground on Wednesdays from 9-11!





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EMERGENCY? Call 911

911 is to be used only for emergencies (police, fire, and medical) where an immediate response is required. This should be called only if there is an emergency and lives are in danger, immediate assistance is required or there is a crime in progress.

CALGARY POLICE SERVICE NON-EMERGENCY – 403-266-1234

This should be used for all non-emergency situations, where an immediate response is not required. This number should be called when time has elapsed since the incident, the suspect is not on scene, or you are calling about a nuisance issue (e.g. noise complaints, suspicious people, intoxication, etc.). Police will attend on a lower priority basis.

ALPHA HOUSE "D.O.A.P. TEAM" – 403-988-7388

If you observe an individual who appears to be intoxicated, loitering, trespassing, or sleeping in an area they should not be but otherwise appear peaceful and not being aggressive, call the "downtown Outreach Addictions Partnership Team" or D.O.A.P. Team-mobile team available to transport the individuals that are not able to come to the Alpha house location on their own. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 a.m., Saturday and Sunday 5:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. The D.O.A.P. team members are well acquainted with their clientele and have a good rapport with them.

ON-GOING COMMUNITY CONCERNS? District 1 @ 403-567-6100

The CROs provide a key point of contact for community policing initiatives and problem-solving. They monitor crime trends, traffic and social issues with their zone. They also keep track of the crime issues that are of particular concern to residents.

CITY OF CALGARY CONCERNS – Call 311

Please contact 311 and concerns (e.g. burnt-out street lights, garbage collection, etc.) will be forwarded to the appropriate department.

REPORT CRIME ONLINE

Did you know that you can report certain types of crimes to the Calgary Police Service online? When you use the CPS Citizen Online Police Report System, you can submit a report about a crime immediately and print a copy of the police

When you use the quick and easy online reporting system, it can help you by providing reports for your records. It also helps the police to identify and address crime trends in your area.

What can I report online?

The online reporting system currently takes reports about the following crimes, as long as their value is less than \$5000 (Canadian), there's no known suspect, and the incident happened within Calgary's city limits:

- Lost property
- Theft
- Damage/Mischief to Property
- Theft from Vehicle
- Damage/Mischief to Vehicle

Tor report a crime online, go to www.calgarypolice.ca, and click on "Report a Crime Online". Follow the screen prompts to fill in the information and submit your report. If you have a problem with the system, there's 24-hour support available. When you're finished, you can print a copy of the police report to keep for your records. Police will review your case, and will contact you if need be.





Paint in the Park

Celebrate Canada 150 at Paint in the Park! Join your neighbours as you paint your own Canada 150 themed masterpiece.

> Free event for families Children can help their parents paint Canada 150 themed activities for children Refreshments and snacks

Registration is limited to 6 tickets per email address. Each ticket receives a canvas to paint and all paint supplies will be provided.

DATE

Saturday, August 26, 2017 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION

Killarney Dry Pond 2828 26th Ave SW OR

Thomson Family Park 1236 16 Ave SW

Search Paint in the Park on Eventbrite to register (Registration opens June 26)

This event is limited to 75 participants at each location. Please note in the event of inclement weather, the activity may be cancelled.

> For more information contact: 311 This event is proudly supported by:

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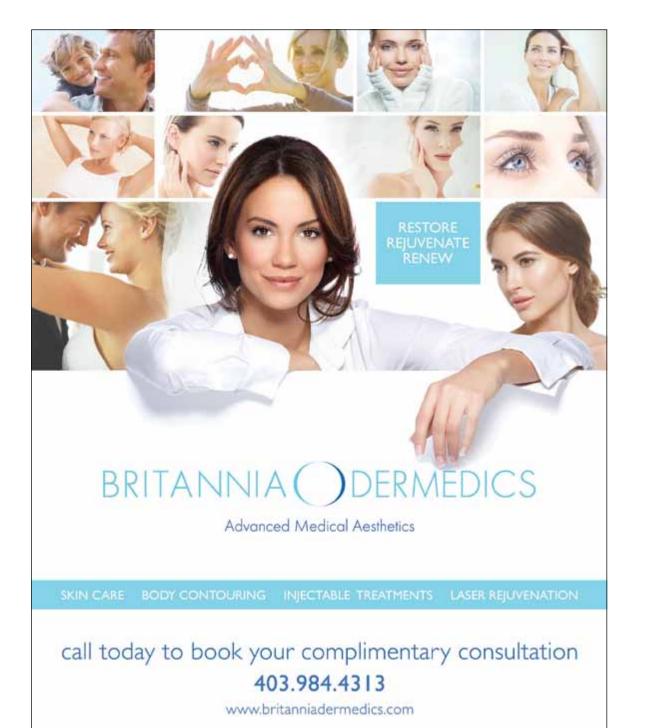














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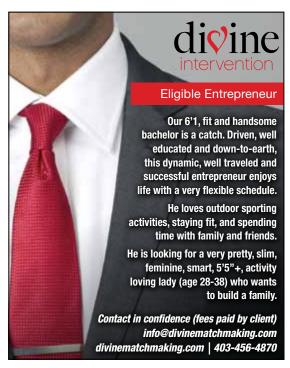


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Email article, recipes, anecdotes or neighbourhood pictures to: newsletter@mountrovalstation.ca

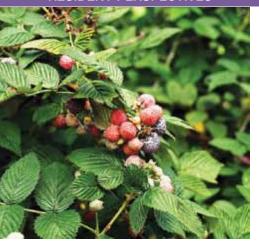
















Foraging in Calgary's Wild Berry Patches

After a seemingly endless winter, summer in Calgary is a wonderful time to go for long walks or bike rides, especially along the Elbow and Bow rivers. Believe it or not there is an abundance of wild berries growing on the riverside and all over our city, and they are ripe for the pickin' right about now.

There are numerous wild, edible berries in Southern Alberta, but here are a few of the most common ones:

Red Raspberries: These bright red, sweet and tart berries are what many childhood memories are made of in our province. The mid-sized bushes have light green leaves that are toothed along the edges and are greenish-silver on the other side. The raspberries grow in clusters on the end of the stems and will continue to produce fruit through the growing season after they are picked. These bushes may or may not have thorns, so be cautious and bring gardening gloves if you are going hunting for these particular little gems.

Saskatoon Berries: Saskatoon berries are native to Alberta. The Plains Indians ate the fruit both fresh and dried in their dietary staple, pemmican. These berries are dark purple when ripe, very tart and sweet with a slight almond flavour, and make excellent jams, preserves and pies. The mid-to-tall sized bush has small green leaves and sports white flowers in the spring The berries grow in clusters along the stems, so if you're really ambitious, you may want to bring along a small step ladder to harvest the ones up high.

Choke Cherries: These little beauties are so named for their large pit, but don't be deterred, they are sweet and juicy and make a lovely jelly just be aware when the kids are gobbling them up. This mid-sized bush will have oval-shaped, dark green leaves that point at the end. The berries are red, ripening to bluish-black and hang in dense popsicle-shaped clusters that will pull the branches down with their weight when ripe.

These berries will grow along the rivers and ravines in our city. If you're planning on goin' pickin' bring a bucket or sturdy container of some sort and gloves; don't go during the heat of the day because the berries will mush or burst in your fingers; try to avoid areas that may have been recently plied with pesticides or the like; get a field guide to correctly identify your berries before consuming them. Some good places to start your berry adventures are Paskapoo Slopes, Edworthy Park, Stanley Park, Inglewood riverside and Beaverdam Flats. Happy hunting!



Curious About That Piano at the Station?

By Solange Dunn

We recently had the piano tuned at the Station. The tuner that serviced it had some lovely things to say about it!

The piano is actually a "spinet" which was very popular in middle of the last century. He checked the serial number and determined that this particular spinet was made in 1940. In his 40-year career as a tuner, he has only seen 3 spinets. Usually they don't last very long, so ours must be special, with the regular beating it takes from the Wednesday Minis! From Wikipedia:

"The spinet piano, manufactured from the 1930s until recent times, was the culmination of a trend among manufacturers to make pianos smaller and cheaper. It served the purpose of making pianos available for a low price, for owners who had little space for a piano"

The spinet was quite out of tune and the tuner did the best he could. It's not perfect but is probably the best that is possible. Spinets are known as the "bane" of a piano technician!

Does anyone know how we came into possession of this little treasure?

Please email Solange at newsletter@mountroyalstation.ca.



PIZZA AND PLAY PARTIES

Monthly Friday Night Pizza & Play Parties for our Mini-Mountaineers!

4:30 – 7:00pm at the Station Join us the Following **Fridays over the Summer: August 11th**

Start the Weekend with a Playgroup Happy Hour! Re-Connect with Mount Royal Parents! Pizza and kids' drinks provided, MRCA Members only please!

Cost \$5 per person

Our toys are appropriate for babies to age 4, older children are welcome to join, of course, but you may need to bring a game/toys to keep them occupied. With warmer weather, we can take the fun outside!



FREQUENTLY ASKED

MEMBERSHIP AND TENNIS QUESTIONS

What type of membership should we purchase if we are a couple with no children living at the same address, should we purchase two single memberships?

No, more than one person living at the same address should purchase a family membership (\$45).

If one person is a senior and one person is not, should we purchase a senior membership and a single membership?

No, this is considered a family membership until both people are seniors (over 65).

We are both seniors living at the same address should we purchase two senior memberships?

No, a couple where both are seniors should purchase one senior membership (\$20).

I purchased a tennis key last year, do I need another one this year?

Yes, new keys are issued each year and the fee is \$15 per year.

How do I get my tennis key?

In the spring you will receive an email telling you where to pick up your key.

Do I need to book a tennis court?

No, booking is not required and the rules are posted on the fence.

Your Mount Royal Community Membership







What's it all about?

We live in a beautiful community and a team of dedicated volunteer board members are happy to work on your behalf to make Mount Royal a great place to live. We would encourage you to show your support by becoming a member of our community association. Membership offers terrific value; being able to attend fun events, the use of MRCA facilities, keeping residents informed and enabling you to support your community.

- skating party
 summer BBQ
 wine & cheese party
 annual dinner party
- skating rink
 tennis courts
 playground
 clubhouse rental
 children's playgroup
- graffiti removal historic appreciation beautification crime and safety traffic
 - community development newsletters

It's easy to join!

- Go to www.mountrovalstation.ca and sign up or
- Complete this form and drop it off with a cheque (made payable to Mount Royal Community Association) in the Station House mailbox (2317 10 Street SW, T2T 3G7)

Mount Royal Community Association Membership Effective January 1 - December 31, 2017					
Fami	ly Name: First Name:				
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(Note:	used only by the Mount Royal Community Association to send you occasional emails about	community issu	es and events)		
Addr	ess:				
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	MRCA Family Membership	\$45	\$		
	Seniors Membership (Over 65 - single senior or couple where both are seniors)	\$20	\$		
	Single Membership (Individual membership only, couple pay Family Membership)	\$20	\$		
	Associate Membership Non-Resident	\$90	\$		
	Tennis Key - Annual Fee (members only, non-refundable)	\$15	\$		
	Multiple Year Membership (state the number of years you would like to pay for it	including 2017)			
	Donation to the Community (tax receipt \square Yes \square No)		\$		
	Interested in Volunteering? Yes No TOTAL		\$		

ActivateYYC

Walk, Play & Be Neighbourly

What is Activate YYC?

- A new, one-time program that will provide 150 microgrants averaging \$750 - to groups and businesses to experiment with local projects and events that motivate Calgarians to walk, play & be neighbourly. Projects are meant to be quick, fun and low cost ideas that aim to make a small part of the City more lively and enjoyable.
- · An opportunity to bring fun and engaging projects and events to our community by testing the approval and permitting processes, educating The City and inspiring future activators.
- · ActivateYYC will also encourage applicants to build partnerships, seek sponsors and engage volunteers.
- · ActivateYYC will create a lasting impact in local communities and inspire future walking projects.

Why Would You Apply?

- · You have a great idea to make your community more walkable.
- . You are a trailblazer! You want to help The City of Calgary and future community builders learn about the processes and potential barriers to good community planning.
- · You want to contribute to Calgary and help to showcase our city at the Walk21 Conference in September 2017 and participate in honouring Canada's 150th birthday.

What Kinds of Projects?

We encourage you to be creative and bring your best ideas forth. Think big! We want to see projects or events of all sizes (mini, small, medium or large) and during all seasons of the year.

Who Can Apply?

People of all ages and from all over the city are encouraged to apply! Individuals or neighbourhood groups wishing to apply must have an organization to sponsor their project or event for insurance purposes.

The first application deadline is August 15, 2017. Projects or events

When to Apply?

must be completed by March 2019.

How to Apply₹

- 1. Think of a great idea
- 2. Find your partnersl
- 3. Contact us
- 4. Find out about the necessary City processes
- 5. Hit a barrier, call us back!
- 6. Apply online
- 7. Do your project!
- 8. Send in your feedback, stories and receipts
- 9. Get your money!*
- 10. Challenge someone to do an ActivateYYC project, OR spread
- *This is a reimbursement grant. You must apply for a microgrant and be approved to be reimbursed for your project. Projects not pre-approved are not eligible for re-imbursement.

Where to Apply?

calgarycommunities.com/ activateyyc/ apply-now



I'm selling my house, and the listing agreement says I have to pay my real estate agent commissions if my place sells after the agreement ends. Is that

It sounds like you're referring to the "holdover" clause, which is found in most residential listing agreements (seller representation agreements) in Alberta. And yes, holdover clauses are legal.

A holdover clause permits your real estate brokerage to collect its fee or commission from you if you enter into a purchase contract with a buyer within a specific number of days after your listing agreement ends and that buyer was introduced to your property during the term of the listing agreement. The length of the holdover period is negotiable between you and your real estate professional.

When a real estate professional lists your home, your listing agreement sets out that you will pay your brokerage in the event your home sells.

Imagine you have a 90-day listing agreement. On day 88, your real estate professional arranged for a showing of your home to a buyer. The buyer liked it, but had to think about it for a few days. On day 91, the buyer decides they want to buy your home. That buyer only knew about your home being for sale because of the listing you had on it with your real estate professional.

Assume you didn't extend your listing agreement, on day 91, your home is no longer officially for sale but you still want to sell. The buyer that viewed your home on

day 88 writes on Offer to Purchase for your home, and you accept their offer.

Now the holdover clause kicks in.

Because you're selling your home to a buyer who was introduced to it during the term of your listing agreement, the holdover clause requires you to pay your real estate brokerage the commission you agreed to in your listing agreement.

Your real estate professional did what they set out to do - they sold your home for a price with which you were happy. They deserve, and have every right, to be paid for their work.

The holdover clause also protects a real estate brokerage's commission in the unlikely event a buyer and seller want to work together to get a deal done, but they wait until just after the listing agreement ends merely so they don't have to pay commission. If in such a case the buyer was introduced to the seller's property during the term of the listing, the real estate professional deserves to be compensated for their work. Side deals between a seller and that buyer shouldn't affect the ability of the seller's real estate brokerage to collect its commission.

"Ask Charles" is a monthly question and answer column by Charles Stevenson, Director of Professional Standards with the Real Estate Council of Alberta (RECA), www.reca.ca. RECA is the independent, non-government agency responsible for the regulation of Alberta's real estate industry. We license, govern, and set the standards of practice for all real estate, mortgage brokerage, and real estate appraisal professionals in Alberta. To submit a question, email askcharles@reca.ca.

Chip in Fore Communities on Friday, August 11!

Are you itching for a fun game of golf that includes lunch, 18 holes in a power cart with goodies along the way, a delicious dinner, a fantastic foursome competition, and the opportunity to win amazing prizes, while also supporting a great cause? If so, register today for the Federation of Calgary Communities 5th Annual Chip in Fore Communities Golf Tournament, presented by Save-On-Foods! The tournament will take place on Friday, August 11, 2017 at The Canal at Delacour Golf Club.

Registration fees are extremely affordable at only \$160 for an individual golfer and a discounted rate of \$600 for a foursome! Your fee includes lunch, 18 holes of golf in a power cart, and dinner.

There are 152 community associations in Calgary who need a support organization that understands their needs. The Federation of Calgary Communities is that organization. This golf tournament will help raise funds for the Federation of Calgary Communities to continue providing programs and services that help community associations build capacity, support and mobilize residents, be on the front lines of important issues in their community, and improve neighbourhood life in Calgary.

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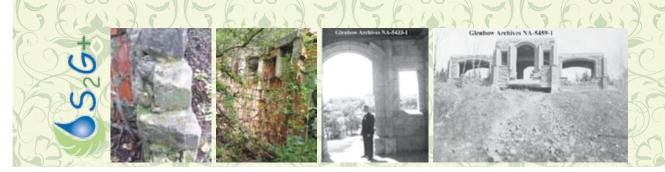


Help us help them by golfing with us on Friday, Auaust 11!

Visit calgarycommunities.com/events to register to-

If you have any questions or are interested in finding out more please contact Rebecca with the Federation of Calgary Communities at communityrelations@calgarycommunities.com or (403) 244-4111 ext. 204.





Lindsay's Folly

Castle Ruins along the Lower **Elbow River**

Hidden deep in the bush on the slope along the Elbow River pathway system near Stanley Park, a bit of brick and concrete rubble are all that remain of what was once a grand design for an impressive sandstone castle. It would have had sweeping views of the river and the burgeoning city beyond.

Dr. Neville J. Lindsay was one of Calgary's early physicians. He arrived on the first passenger train in 1883, later returning with cash in his pockets from the Klondike Goldrush to pursue real estate development during Calgary's first building boom.

The site for the castle was purchased by Lindsay in 1904. Some claim it was once a fox farm. Hydraulic methods were used to terrace the hill and ten rows of fir trees were planted to stabilize the slope. Construction began in 1913 using sandstone blocks from the first Knox Presbyterian Church, a property purchased by Lindsay in 1910 to be redeveloped as a downtown business block. Work suddenly stopped on the mansion after the foundation, an enormous arched portico with wide steps, and some of the first storey walls were constructed,

Why Lindsay abandoned the project remains the subject of lore. The romantic, untrue version was that he fancied the home for his bride who then died, but the real Mrs. Lindsay long outlived her husband. Another account was that Lindsay realized the slope was too unstable to support the grand structure and it could slip down the hill toward the river. Most likely, he simply ran out of money, having gained and lost a fortune in real estate speculation.

Lindsay died broke in 1925. The site reverted to city ownership in 1936 for back taxes and by 1938 it had become parkland. Metal was salvaged from the steel beams for the WWII war effort. In 1955 the sandstone portico finally collapsed or was bulldozed for safety reasons; the blocks possibly scavenged for backyard rock gardens and such.

The ruins of Lindsay's Folly were used by swimmers to change for a dip in the Elbow River or as a secluded spot for teenage parties. For generations, children have played amidst the rubble, concocting ghost stories that contributed to the legend of "Deadman's Castle".

Had the castle been completed, would it have survived or simply tumbled down the slope toward the river, a victim of unstable slopes and the ravages of flooding; just one man's folly.

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Boulders in the landscape

Calgary is fortunate to have local rock guarries and garden centres where beautiful boulders can be purchased and used to add structure and interest to residential yards. Many people are adding boulders in their front yards and often include one, embossed with their address, at the end of the driveway. From dry stream beds to ponds, the beauty of this natural material cannot be matched.

Small machines, a mini hoe, can access front and back yards to place boulders, which cannot be lifted easily by hand or even using a rock trolley. Careful planning is needed to decide where and how boulders will fit into a plant bed, or will define the edges of a pond or patio.

It is more affordable to purchase 10 or more boulders at a time and make good use of the machinery required to deliver and place them.

Once in place, lighting can be added ensuring individual boulders become a feature in the yard.

Boulders come in a variety of co lours and sizesdark grey Rundle stone to the warmer tones in Rocky Mountain Rustic and sandstone.

Drought tolerant plants

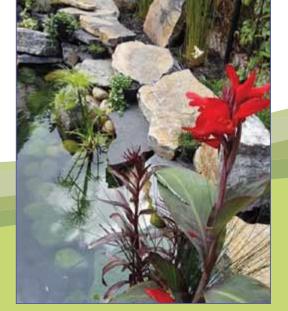
Most drought tolerant plants require less water and fertilizer than other plants. Around Calgary, you will see a wide variety of grasses and sedums planted in hot, sunny areas. In fact, these types of plants do not do well if they are overwatered and fertilized. Yarrow, daisy, day lily and perennial sage add colour and texture when planted with grasses. Interesting accent plants such as globe thistle and sea holly add to the planting mix.

Lilacs, spirea, potentilla, pine and juniper are also drought tolerant once established and cope well with Calgary's dry, dusty wind. Interestingly, rabbits and deer also avoid eating these plants, so they not only tolerate dry, low fertility conditions, but survive the nibbling of garden plants by the city's abundant wildlife.

Aquatic plants

Opposite to drought tolerant plants, aquatic plants need to have wet conditions. There are three main types depending on the depth of water they grow in – oxygenators, marginals and





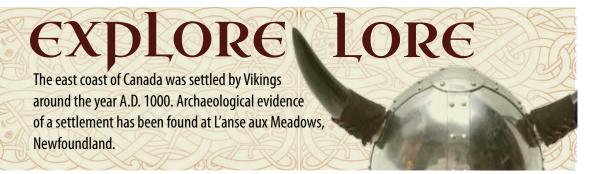
floating aquatic plants. Most people are interested in the marginal plants and they will grow in up to 6 inches of water. If aquatic perennials are planted into soil around a pond or bog garden, they will regrow each year. Popular marginal plants are Creeping jenny, spiral reed grass, arrowhead, marsh marigold, flag iris and bull rush. There are many plants to choose from and many can be overwintered in pots by cutting back the foliage and burying the plant in soil. In spring, dig the pot up and place it back into the pond.

Floaters provide cover and reduce the growth of algae - water hyacinth, water lilies and duck weed grow well in Calgary. The water lilies can be overwintered using the same method as marginals.

Aphids, Ants and Wasps

Aphids, ants and wasps work together to attack some of our garden plants. Although useful to the ecology of a neighbourhood, there are times where pesticide action is needed. Most outbreaks can be solved by removing the aphids: which are the bottom animal in the food web. They feed on the plant and wasps and ants feed on them and their waste material. Pesticides containing pyrethrins and potassium salts of fatty acids will deal effectively with aphids. For large trees, shrubs and vines a hose end sprayer with concentrated pesticide is the easiest solution. Perennials and small trees or shrubs can be treated with a hand sprayer. When applying, cover every leaf and stem, wait 10 days and apply again if necessary. Aphids can have several life cycles in a season. Using pyrethrins, destroys eggs, as well as killing living insects. Unfortunately, all pesticides will affect bees, so avoid spraying flowers and only treat plants when there is a serious infestation.





CALGARY PRIDE PARADE 6 AVE. AND 6 ST. SW SEPTEMBER 3, NOON – 1:30

The signature Calgary Pride Parade is one of the most colourful celebrations of the year! More info: calgarypride.ca.



CIRCLE THE WAGONS 3951 TRASIMENE CRESCENT SW SEPTEMBER 9. 11 AM – 11 PM

This year's traveling carnival of local food, beer, music, art and performers will be proudly hosted at Currie, Currie boasts Canadian Pride, and to help further amplify the celebratory energy from Canada's 150th anniversary. More info: circlethewagons.ca.



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Hundreds of men and women will step onto Stephen Ave. in high heels to show their support for women and children who are victims of family violence. More info: walkamile.ca.



YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

The Market on Stephen Avenue - Tuesdays until Sept. 5, 11 am - 5 pm

Bring your enviro bags and coolers! You'll find up to 60 vendors; from fresh food (produce, breads, pastries, etc) spices, sauces, treats, art, fashion, jewelry and so much more! Found on Stephen Avenue between 1 Street East and 2 Street West. More info: inquiries@dmeinc.ca.

Honens Festival – Various Venues, Sept. 7 – Sept. 10

The award-winning Honens Festival returns for a four-day festival of music with a side of maple syrup! To mark Canada's 150th birthday, this celebration of piano showcases some of the country's brightest classical music stars alongside Honens Laureates through innovative performance projects and dynamic community concerts. More info: honens.com.

Beakerhead - Various Locations, Sept. 13 - Sept. 17

One of the world's most original spectacles of art, science and engineering, will erupt this September when the fourth annual Beakerhead hits Calgary. Look for mechanical creatures, multi-story art installations, famous and soon-to-be famous scientists and inventors, and performances by people and machines. The dose of guirky spectacle will include more than 65 events. More info: beakerhead.com.

Techstock 2017 - 3553 31 Street NW, Sept. 14

This is an annual event hosting 30+ start-up companies and researchers who showcase their innovations to the public. This year they explore how technology and social innovations are making a profound impact on our society and driving change in areas such as sustainability, health, education, gender equality and more. More info: innovatecalgary.com/events/ techstock/

Railway Days - Heritage Park, Sept. 23 - 24

There is fun for the whole family at Railway Days! As one of the few sites in North America with two steam locomotives, our trains take centre stage for two days with demonstrations, hands-on activities, and exciting exhibits. More info: heritagepark.ca.

HOME GARDENING WITH BARBARA

Spring Flowering Bulbs

Gardeners have vision. All gardeners, not just the ones we admire and envy. You, me, the neighbour next door. What else would you call it when an ordinary person buys a bag of bulbs in the fall, buries them in the ground, and believes they will produce amazing blooms in 7 or 8 months?

The garden centres will have an abundance of bulbs in stock soon and your biggest decision is what to choose. There are literally thousands of bulbs on the shelves and most of us have limited garden space. The most common hardy spring-flowering bulbs for a Calgary garden are tulip, narcissus/daffodil, allium, iris, crocus, grape hyacinth and squill. The last three are petite and bloom early in the spring, the others show up later, and the irises finish their display in June. Technically, iris grows from a rhizome, but you can treat it like a bulb when planting in the fall. In addition to this list, you can find many more exotic bulbs, just don't expect them to return year after year in our climate.

There are two kinds of tulips that survive here: species (or native) and hybridized. The species tulips should spread into established colonies, returning every year. The large hybrids are more showy and popular with gardeners, but often are best only their first year. My wonderful show of huge pink tulips a few years ago has never been repeated and I fondly remember them as annuals.

If you wish to have a show of continuous color throughout the spring (of course you do) read the labels carefully, and choose from early, mid and late spring varieties. Then check the labels again for height, as they come in 6" all the way to 28" sizes. How silly to put the tall ones in the front and the short ones behind out of sight. Then there are singles, doubles, lily-flowered, fringed and parrot types, to mention only a few. There are actually 15 divisions of tulip classifications, so it is no wonder the casual gardener gets a bit bewildered. Alliums, likewise, have many varieties, and provide colour between tulips and daffodils and later blooming summer flowers.

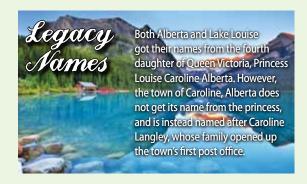
Bulbs of all varieties look best in mass plantings of solid colors or two complementary colors. No nice tidy



rows, please, unless they are being used for cut flowers; a block of color has far more impact. What colors you choose is strictly personal - plant what looks beautiful to your eye. A sunny spot is best, although some varieties are forgiving and will bloom later in partial shade. Because they are among the earliest color in our Chinook gardens, tulips partner nicely with other bulbs like Muscari (Grape Hyacinth), Scilla (Squill) and dwarf Narcissus.

Get your bulbs in the ground in Sept or October; they need some time to root before the ground freezes. If you share your garden with squirrels, cover the new planting with wire mesh secured by stakes or rocks to keep those little paws from digging them up. Squirrels are particularly fond of tulip bulbs. And while you are at it, be sure to add some new ones in your front yard for the pleasure of your friends and neighbours.

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CALGARY RENOWN





Frederick McCall Canadian Air Ace. WWI and WWII (4 Dec. 1896 – 22 Jan. 1949)

Born in Vernon, BC, McCall and his family came to Calgary in 1906. As a young man looking to serve the country, he enlisted with the 175th Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) in 1916. Eight months later, he was in France overseeing the battalion as sergeant. In 1917 McCall received a commission as a lieutenant pilot trainee, and in December was assigned to No. XIII Sgaudron RAF on the Western Front.

McCall's assigned airplane was the Royal Aircraft Factory R.E. 8, a scrappy little two-seater craft that had improved speed and climb over its inferior predecessor, the B.E. 2. It allowed for better payload delivery over longer distances, an essential strategy in the wide-ranging and many battle fronts of WWI. The craft would serve McCall well in that first World War.

McCall's first aerial victory occurred while flying the R.E.8, shooting down a German aircraft. McCall was awarded the Military Cross "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty," and two weeks later the accompanying Bar for downing an enemy scout aircraft while on a mission to take photographs.

After his third victory while flying the R.E.8, McCall was next transferred to No. 41 Squadron RAF and began flying the Royal Aircraft Factory S.E.5. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross after scoring four "kills" in May 1918. On June 28th, 1918 McCall downed four enemy aircraft, including one shared with Eric John Stephens. Just two days later, on June 30th, Captain McCall downed five more Germans, four in the morning and the fifth that evening. For this McCall was awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

Following the armistice, the pilot embarked upon a variety of civil aviation ventures, beginning with the risky and audacious profession of stunt flying. On July 5th, 1919, while barnstorming, he crash-landed when his engine failed while he was taking off. His landing site was the top of the merry-go-round at the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede. He and his two passengers walked away from the jaw-dropping mishap.

He founded his own company, McCall Aero Corporation Limited, in 1920. With this company McCall flew commercial freight and passengers across Canada, pioneering air travel to Banff. Later, he founded another aviation company, Great Western Airways. One of his more spectacular achievements was the flying of 200 guarts of nitroglycerin from Shelby, Montana to Calgary in 1928. The following year, he ignored bad weather to fly a doctor to the Skiff oil fields to treat two seriously injured workers.

As the Second World War began, McCall was recalled to service with the Royal Canadian Air Force as a Squadron Leader, based at numerous western Canadian bases. He died in Calgary in '49 at the age of 52.

Freddie McCall appears in exhibits in several museums in and around Calgary, such as the Glenbow Museum and the Calgary Aerospace Museum. In 1939 the Calgary Airport was named after him but has since been renamed Calgary International Airport.

If you make your way to McCall Industrial Park, McCall Way leading to and from the Airport or McCall Lake golf course, remember this remarkable Calgarian for a moment or two as his legacy survives in our bustling city.



Summer Safety

Happy August, everyone!

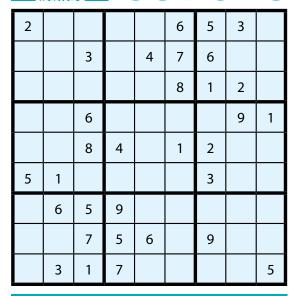
With summer in full swing we hope you have been enjoying long days, warm sun and family holidays! If you are planning to hit the road with your pet here are a few simple tips to make the holidays run smoother.

- 1. Never, ever, leave an animal in a car. Hot cars are dangerous for pets and people alike. On summer days, the temperature inside a parked vehicle begins to climb immediately and can reach dangerous levels in as little as 10-15 minutes. Even a few moments in a hot car can lead to heat stroke and even death. Cracking the windows or leaving water in the car is not enough to keep the heat manageable. If you know you will be stopping leave your pet at home or bring someone else along who can take your pet for a walk in the shade while you pick up what you need.
- 2. Watch out for Fido at the BBQ! As with your kitchen at home, if you are cooking or carrying hot foods it pays to keep your pets out from under foot. In the case of social gatherings, ask your quests not to share food with your pets and to pick up any food that is dropped. Rich summer foods like ice cream, hamburgers, hotdogs and chips can cause digestive upset or even problems like pancreatitis in some pets.
- 3. Think safety when it comes to social situations! Just like people not all pets are keen to be friends. When out for a walk, keep your dog on a leash and under control at all times. Avoid letting your dog greet other dogs without first asking the owner. When at a location like a dog park, pay attention to the body language of your dog and any other dogs in the area to watch for signs of stress or conflict. Unsure about what to look for? Check out our free animal training resources at www.calgaryhumane.ca.
- 4. Travelling? Plan ahead! Summer road trips can be fun for both pets and people, but they do require some advance planning. Before hitting the road, visit your vet to update any necessary vaccines or health certificates and ensure your pet's microchip/tattoo in-

formation in up to date. Load your pet's information. including a photo or two onto your smart phone just in case your pet gets lost. When you are packing include extra food and medication for your pet in case you are delayed in getting home. Finally, the safest place for your pet in a vehicle will be in a crate or restrained by a seatbelt harness. Bringing your pet's bed or some favorite toys will provide comfort for the ride.

Do you have more questions about summer safety and your pet? Curious about some behaviour you saw at the dog park? Want to find out more about adopting a new family member? Check out our website at www. calgaryhumane.ca for information and resources!

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Wary in the Prairie

Prairie dogs have a complex system of communication that sound like pitched warning barks that signal different types of predators. They earned their name from settlers traveling across the plains who thought that these warning calls sounded like dogs barking.



Article by J.G. Turner • Photo by N. Suret

The Merlin is a little falcon (weighing just 129 to 236 grams and measuring up to 30 cm), about the size of a Jay. The female Merlin is about a third larger than males and are brown. The males have a gray/blue upper and a black and gray barred tail. Both the male and female have whitish streaked throats, and buff coloured underbody with brown streaks.

The Merlin likes to live in open woodlands, marshy areas and open countryside. The Merlin migrates to Alberta as one of their favoured breeding areas and can be seen along Alberta's foothills during their migration, as they will go as far north as the Yukon and Alaska. For the winter months, the Merlin migrates to northern South America, although some have begun to over-winter in the city.

Fun Facts:

- Sometimes the Merlin is called the "Pigeon Hawk" because when flying, it looks like a fast-flying domestic
- A falcon is a raptor (hunting bird) that has thin pointed wings that let them fly very fast and change direction quickly.
- The Merlin can easily fly at 50 kilometres per hour, and can fly even faster when hunting.
- The Merlin has excellent hearing and eyesight and is a powerful flier.
- The Merlin mostly hunts small to medium sized birds,

- such as songbirds, but it will also seek out small mammals (such as mice, voles, and bats), reptiles and insects (like dragonflies).
- The Merlin will hunt other birds by surprise attack from a hidden perch, or from searching flights, attacking from below and tiring out their prey.
- The Merlin has been observed hunting in pairs, working together to flush out and confuse their prey.
- The Merlin is diurnal, so they hunt during the day.
- The Merlin is usually a solitary, quiet bird but makes a shrill chatter sound when nesting.

If you find an injured Merlin or other wild animal in need, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society at 403-239-2488 or wildlife@calgarywildlife.org.

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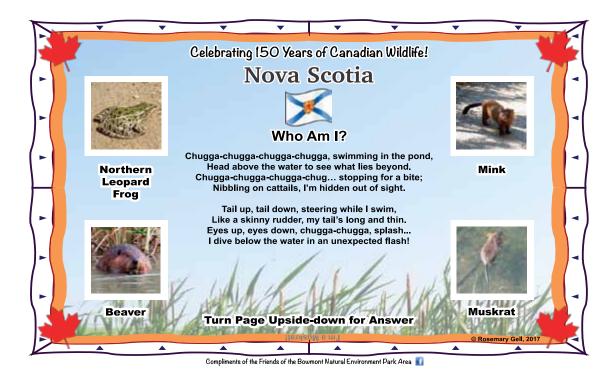


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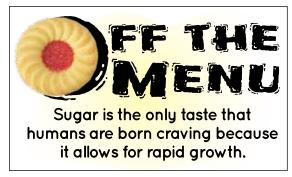
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Community Preparedness **Building Safe Communities Program**

As Calgarians we know that emergencies can affect our communities at any point. Many emergencies may not be preventable but we can minimize the risk by being prepared. Here is a list of ways you and your neighbours can be prepared.

1. Know your neighbours

If an emergency does arise, if you know your neighbours you can readily identify neighbours who may have special needs, mobility or those who need additional assistance in an event of emergency.

2. Know the potential risks and hazards in your community

The more residents are aware of areas in their community that are potential risks, the better prepared a community can be. Be proactive!

3. Know the evacuation routes

Knowing how to get of your neighbourhood can reduce traffic congestion and allow for emergency personal easy access.

Emergency numbers, Calgary and area:

- Ambulance, Fire, Police, Hazardous Materials Spills: 9-1-1
- Gas Emergency ATCO Gas: 403-245-7222
- Electrical Emergency ENMAX Power: 403-514-6100
- All other City services: 3-1-1
- Poison & Drug Information Service: 1-800-332-1414
- Calgary Emergency Management Agency 3-1-1: calgary.ca/cema





Last 12 Months Mount Royal MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

Average Asking Average Solo	
Price	Price
\$2,350,000	\$2,190,000
\$2,135,000	\$1,900,000
\$709,800	\$688,000
\$2,899,000	\$2,770,000
\$1,575,000	\$1,575,000
\$2,367,500	\$2,225,000
\$3,433,000	\$3,200,000
\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000
\$599,000	\$596,550
\$2,074,450	\$1,962,500
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Last 12 Months Mount Royal MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

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	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold			
June 2017	6	4			
May 2017	4	4			
April 2017	9	3			
March 2017	1	5			
February 2017	3	1			
January 2017	6	2			
December 2016	2	5			
November 2016	3	3			
October 2016	3	3			
September 2016	7	4			
August 2016	3	0			
July 2016	4	2			

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **mount_royal.great-news.ca**

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Fire pit regulations help create good neighbour relationships

When you ask Calgarians what they love about this city, the answer is often "the people". While most of us do our best to be good neighbours, sometimes we need a little guidance to do the right thing. That's where the Community Standards Bylaw comes in.

Did you know that the Community Standards Bylaw lays out the requirements for using backyard wood-burning fire pits? The regulations for fire pits include:

- Using a mesh screen or spark guard to reduce the spread of embers and sparks
- Extinguishing the flame by midnight on weekdays and 1 a.m. on weekends
- Restricting the height of the flame to one metre
- Building a fire pit within maximum size limits
- · Listing materials that cannot be burned
- Ensuring the fire pit is at least two metres from other structures and is not under a tree or overhanging branches
- Ensuring you have a means of extinguishing the fire on hand and that you put it out before you leave it unattended

Fines for unsafe fires and burning prohibited materials have recently been increased, so it pays to understand the bylaw. For more information, visit Calgary.ca/firepits. If you have a concern or complaint about fire pits, call 311.

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Library Connect

Check out the September-October issue of Library Connect, your ultimate guide to free back to school Library programs, reading recommendations, and events happening this fall. Visit calgarylibrary.ca to download a copy of Library Connect or pick one up at your local community library.

Forest Lawn Library Nature Playground

The Forest Lawn Library Nature Playground is open! The new outdoor space inspires active, fresh-air-filled play. Play is a priority at the Library, because it's central to how kids learn and grow. The nature playground was made possible thanks to generous funding from the Canada 150 Infrastructure Program. Visit today!

Free Online Resources

Did you know your Library card gives you access to free online tutoring? Brainfuse is an online resource aligned with the Alberta curriculum for students in Grade 2 to Grade 12. Get expert online help with your homework at calgarylibrary.ca/resource/brainfuse from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Support for adult learners is also available.

The Calgary Public Library's E-Library offers many other resources for learners of all ages. At calgarylibrary.ca/ online-resources you'll find language learning courses Rosetta Stone and Mango Languages, eBooks and eAudiobooks on OverDrive, Flipster Magazines, online learning services Lynda.com and Gale Courses, and much more.



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Before I get into this month's newsletter I wanted to make sure you received an invitation to my annual BBQ on September 10th – which will be held at Sunalta Hall (1627 10 Ave SW).

We'll be there from 11 am to 1 pm, flipping burgers and saying hello to our neighbours. If you're interested we also have an RSVP page online on my website at www.KentHehrMP.ca which will give us a heads up if you're attending so my team can plan on how many burgers to prepare.

WHAT: MP Kent Hehr's Summer BBO WHERE: Sunalta Hall – 1627—10 Ave SW

WHEN: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Next, I wanted to talk for a moment today on the subject of infrastructure investment. Our government is committed to investing in flood mitigation, affordable housing, public transportation, and places where communities come together (like community centres or hockey rinks). We were elected on a commitment to invest in infrastructure and these long-term economic generators for communities.

Just as one example, Infrastructure Canada funding to Alberta has received more funds for projects in the last year and a half (a total of \$4.3 billion). This is larger than the last five years **combined**.

You can see all of the projects invested in by Infrastructure Canada online here: http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/mapcarte/ab-eng.html

By investing in green infrastructure, we get people home to their families faster, cleaner communities, and more inclusive, affordable cities.

And by investing in affordable housing we can begin to take on the issue of homelessness and poverty - a conversation that the federal government has been noticeable absent in the last ten years.

With our new National Housing Strategy, the \$11.2 billion highlighted in Budget 2017, and the important work we are doing to cut homelessness in half, and take 500,000 families out of housing need, we are well on our way to creating more inclusive communities.

As always, you can contact my office by email at kent.hehr@ parl.gc.ca or by phone at 403-244-1880. My office is located at 950 6 Ave SW and my door is always open to you. You can follow my work in Parliament online and sign up for my e-newsletter at www.KentHehrMP.ca.



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Summer is festival season in Calgary! I look forward to spending time in my community attending the many events that make our warm summer days and nights so special.

I hope to see you at Marda Gras Street Festival on Sunday, August 13th from 10am to 5pm. Marda Gras is a FREE family-friendly event that attracts over 35,000 visitors from all over Calgary. This year the streets of Marda Loop will celebrate the festival's 33rd year in the community. The festival includes live music, dance and cultural performances, a fun kid's area, unique shopping and lots of great food! Please stop by my booth; I would love to hear what is on your mind. For more information visit http://www.mardagras.ca/.

Calgary Pride Parade takes place on Sunday, September 3rd from noon to 1:30pm. I've been proud to walk in the parade in the past to show my unwavering support for the LGBTQ community and the advocates who continue to work for inclusivity and acceptance. Following the parade, don't forget to visit Pride in the Park. Until 6pm you can enjoy one of Calgary's largest free outdoor cultural celebrations. Set in Prince's Island Park, the event will include live music, a marketplace and activities for all ages. More details can be found at http:// www.calgarypride.ca/.

This year, in addition to hosting the fireworks competition from August 15th to 26th, GlobalFest is hosting a FREE human rights forum from August 8th to 12th at the Calgary Public Library's John Dutton Theatre (616 Macleod Trail SE). This year's topics are focused around UNESCO's Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination. Details on the events can be found on GlobalFest's website at http://www.globalfest.ca/.

Visiting the Legislature

The Borealis Gallery on the grounds of the Legislature presents a brand-new exhibition.

The Dream We Form By Being Together centres on the theme of reconciliation and emerges from the awareness that art can play a central role in the process.

Drawing from indigenous practices and understandings, the show seeks to rebalance colonial narratives within the much larger story of this place we now call Canada.

The exhibition is a free, non-ticketed event open in the Borealis Gallery until October 1, 2017.

Visit www.assembly.ab.ca/visitorcentre for more details.

I hope to see you at one of the many events taking place in and around Calgary-Elbow. My office will be open throughout the summer. We can be reached at calgary. elbow@assembly.ab.ca or by phone at 403-252-0346.



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Backyard Fire Safety tips from your Calgary Fire Department

Enjoying a recreational fire in your backyard can be a great way to spend a summers evening. Here are some Safety and bylaw considerations for you.

- Always confirm that a Fire Ban is not in effect before starting a fire for recreational purposes.
- Fires may only be burned in fire pits between 10 a.m. and 1 a.m.

Rules for Fire Pits:

- Backyard fire pits should be built into the ground, on brick or stone, or in a fire-proof container. Portable fire pits may be used on a deck as long as they sit on brick or stone, and not directly on your wooden deck. Always refer to the Fire pit manufacturer for approved fir pit locations.
- 2. Fire pits must be at least two metres away from your property line, house, garage, or fence.
- 3. Fire pits must **NOT** be under any trees, branches, plants or other materials that can catch fire.
- 4. All fires in your fire pit must be kept to a reasonable size; 1 metre high and wide.
- A mesh screen or "spark guard" is now required in order to reduce the spread of embers. The openings of the mesh must not be greater than 1.24 cm.
- 6. Only burn clean, dry firewood.

7. Do Not Burn:

- Wood that is painted, treated or contains glue or resin
- · Wet or green/fresh cut wood
- Yard waste (cut grass or leaves)
- Garbage
- Rubber or plastic
- Furniture
- 8. Always have a way to extinguish the fire in the event of an emergency. Easy options are having your watering hose or a bucket of water nearby.
- All fires in your fire pit must never be left unattended.
- Aside from safety considerations, not following these rules can lead to fines of \$500, \$1000 or even \$5000.

For more information go to Calgary.ca/fire.





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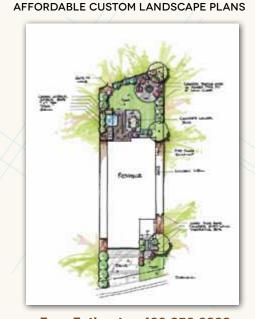
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