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The CROs provide a key point of contact for community policing initiatives and problem-solving. They monitor crime trends, traffic and social issues within 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 (i.e. burnt out street lights, garbage collection, etc.) will be forwarded to the appropriate depart-

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 report for free.

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 \$5,000 (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

To report 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.

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YOUR CITY OF CALGARY

Enjoy a “Neighbour” with a neighbour and your community could win a BBQ party!

Spend some time with your neighbours this summer and your community association could win a BBQ party for 50 people, sponsored by Village Brewery!

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Don't forget that Neighbour Day is coming up on Saturday, June 17 – the perfect time to get out and meet your neighbours over a delicious cold beer!

The winning community association will receive 10 flats of beer from Village Brewery, Fiasco Gelato, Spolumbo's sausages, and Italian Bakery buns for a 50-person BBQ party!

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One application allows Calgarians to have their income level assessed for several subsidy programs and services. Apply for:

1. Calgary Transit Low-Income Transit Pass Program and Low-Income Seniors Yearly Pass
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Art Camp

AT MOUNT ROYAL COMMUNITY STATION



July 24- 28

Great opportunity for the children of age 7 – 12 years old to enjoy a week of creativity, building skills, passion about art and outdoor fun!

The art projects will include drawing and painting animals, flowers, cartoons, abstract and landscapes. Located at the Mount Royal Community Station starting at 9 a.m. - 12p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Limited spots, small groups of 10 – 12 kids maximum.

Step by step instructions and images will be provided, the kids will have the opportunity to explore variety of techniques including pastels, watercolors and painting on canvas with acrylics.

More dates for the art camp might be available please inquire!

In house art camps, private art lessons, or special Birthday art projects upon request.

For contact please email: vania.h.atanasova@gmail.com
www.artescape-vaniadimitrova.com

MRCA Newsletter: Submissions Needed!!!



Do you have some time to write an article for the MRCA?

We are always looking for submissions!

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



Not receiving MRCA emails and would like to?

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RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES



Thank you,
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"There were several roads near by but it did not take Dorothy long to find the one paved with yellow bricks." And I, like Dorothy, was fortunate to find the right path that led me to William Reid, where I would embark on a 30-year journey.

The many creative and inquisitive minds that arrived at my grade one door have filled my heart with wonderful and enduring memories. And to you parents, I will always be grateful for your trust and ongoing encouragement that supported me in the classroom.

*Merci à tous.
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Living in Harmony with Calgary Wildlife

By: Dr. Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.

One of my favorite things about Calgary is the animals in my yard. Calgaryans encounter wildlife daily. I yield to deer weekly while driving. I've named the skunk living under our front porch "Fifi la Peuw". There's bats and owls in my backyard, and I cut walks short when coyotes are stalking my dogs in off-leash areas. With spring comes the robins and the rest of the migratory birds, as well as all the species that hibernate reappear. Then the babies appear.... Calgary is a city immersed in parklands and forests. Unfortunately, this often puts wildlife in conflict with the human inhabitants.

Good Samaritans are the bane of all baby animals. My staff and I spend hours on the phone arguing with well-intentioned determined people desperate to save the baby hare, fawn, or fledgling alone and uninjured. Does leave fawns for long periods of time, but are usually within hearing distance. Fawns and baby hares are naturally camouflaged and have no scent. Mother hares feed babies incredibly rich milk returning to feed them typically only at dusk and dawn. Baby hares run around within a day of birth. If you find a baby hare in a precarious position like on a road just tuck them somewhere safe nearby and walk away. Animals adapt behaviors to decrease the chance of predators finding their young. Respect this wisdom.

Many people incorrectly think a baby removed from the area cannot be returned. With a few species, a touch means rejection by the parents, but often if we can convince people to quickly put the baby back, parent animals will resume their duties.

Fledgling birds on the ground are in the precarious position between leaving the nest and flying. This doesn't

occur instantaneously. The parent birds will follow the fledgling and feed it on the ground while it learns to fly. If flight school is in your backyard, keep children and pets away. If the baby is still a helpless nestling and fell out of the nest too early, return the bird to the nest. If the nest has fallen, secure an open container with drainage holes and the fallen nest inside back in the tree. Most baby birds, squirrels, and hares die of infection when people attempt to hand-raise them, not to mention missing out on life lessons from their parents. A wild animal's best chance of survival is with its parents, NOT you.

If you have concerns about wild creatures in your yard call the Alberta Institute for Wildlife Conservation Hotline at 403-946-2361. They are a charitable foundation with extensive facilities designed to accept all species of wildlife. They can also give you advice to deal with unwanted wildlife sharing your home, such as skunks, raccoons, bats, squirrels, and pigeons. Check out their website; www.aiwc.ca.

Many veterinary clinics will take in wildlife brought to us by the public. At my clinic, some animals are held briefly and released, especially the drunken waxwings eating fermented berries in the fall or birds simply stunned by flying into a window. A very few animals are immediately humanely euthanized because their injuries are too severe. Most animals are checked over and transferred to AIWC which has a fleet of volunteer drivers. An information sheet is filled out for every wild animal admitted, ideally to try to eventually release it to home territory, as well as for education and funding purposes. Volunteer if you really want to learn how to help our wild neighbors.

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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.

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SUSTAINABLE GARDENING

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Planting Season Begins

By Kelly Code, Mount Royal Resident
Sustainablelandscapes.ca

It has been a cool spring, but gardens are now having a growth flush and its time to add new plants into the garden. If you haven't improved the soil, now is the time to do it by adding organic matter around existing plants and by enriching the soil when you add new plants.



Planting techniques

Tools and equipment:

A sturdy shovel, gardening gloves, compost, watering can or garden hose, plant starter fertilizer, mycorrhizae (optional).

Dig a hole that is twice as wide as the container and the same depth. Prepare the soil by mixing 1/3 compost with 2/3 existing soil. Gently remove the container by holding it upside down on your palm and tapping the sides and bottom of the plant. The plant should just rest in your palm while the container slides off. If it doesn't, use a flat knife and loosen the plant from the sides of the container and try again. Do not disturb the roots too much.

If the plant has a lot of



roots, loosen the rootball by pulling them apart at the base of the roots. Avoid letting the roots dry out. Rub mycorrhizae on the root ball, which will help to establish a good root system. Place the root ball in the hole and cover it with the soil mixture. Press down around the base of the plant to ensure all air pockets have been removed. Cover the plant until the base of the plant is even with the existing soil level.

Water and fertilize with a starter fertilizer, 10-52-10, or an equivalent that has a high middle number. The middle number is phosphorous, which aids in root development and increases flowering ability and bloom size. Finally, water with a slow flow, using a hose or watering can, so that the entire root ball is wet. You can check the depth of soil moisture by digging a small hole near the plant and feeling for moisture to the desired depth. Plant starter fertilizer can also be used for plants that were planted last season to give the roots a good start.

This is the planting method for all container plants including trees and shrubs. If the container size for a tree or shrub is 10 or 15 gallons, two people working together makes the job much easier.

Dividing and transplanting grasses and perennials

Perennials that are three year old or older can be divided and transplanted. Dig the plant up and gently separate the roots. Some plants may need to be split up with a knife. There are many excellent videos on You Tube that demonstrate division techniques for different species.



Make sure you have a hole ready to plant the new plants into. Use the same planting technique outlined above. The transplants will need a plant starter fertilizer to give it a boost and to avoid transplant shock.

Peonies should not be transplanted in the spring. Wait until autumn, before dividing them and then it may take up to three years to see any blooms on your transplants.

Containers

Containers add interest to patios, balconies and any other area of the garden needing some colour or greenery. Plants will need at least 12 inches of a good, well-draining compost and the rest of the planter can be filled with crushed plastic or another light material that will not rot in the bottom of the container. It is an old myth that filling the container with gravel helps drainage. Using rock or other heavy material can make the container very heavy and can add to costs as this type of material can be expensive.

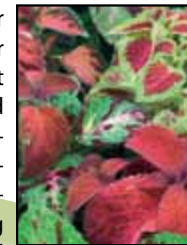
Containers will need to be watered more than planting beds. Water at least once a week and water until it flows out the bottom of the container. During hot spells, water if the top 6 inches of soil feel dry.

Summer containers

Perennial plants grasses and annuals can be mixed together to create stunning containers. Aim to combine textures and colours with a few accent plants to create height and interest.

For shade areas, choose tall accent plants such as ferns, Ligularia (ray flower) Japanese Anemone or Hemerocallis (day lilies). Adding some branches, such as

birch poles, creates structure for the container and support for plants. Surround the taller plant with a variety of leaf colours and textures. Hosta, Geranium, Heuchera and Brunnera provide excellent contrasts to the fine texture of ferns or day lilies. Trailing plants, such as Ivy, Lamium and potato plant add finishing touches to the container. Violas or blue bells add a splash of colour around the edges. Moss or pebbles can be used to finish off the surface.



Using similar design principles, a container for a sunny area requires taller accent plants such as grasses or a mix of tall flowering perennials: Cone Flower, Salvia, Daisy, and Rudbeckia. Trailing plants such as Lysimachia (creeping jenny), Potato Plant, Thymus and Sedums add colour and texture to the edge of the container. Finish off with pebbles, which also make watering easier. Clematis adds interest to a container and can be trained to scramble over birch poles or up a trellis structure.



In the autumn, perennials can be transplanted into the ground and many will survive the winter and can be used again the following season.

Herb containers add fragrance and utility into the garden. Basil, Rosemary, Mint, Chives, Sage, Oregano and Thymus can be combined to create an aromatic combination of plants. Trailing Strawberry plants and Lavender, add colour and texture to any edible planter.

Vegetable gardens

Growing vegetables can be a learning experience for young and old alike. Many of us grew up with a small vegetable patch. The soil is now warm enough to plant seeds of all types or transplant vegetables from seed trays. The vegetable patch should be weed free and amended with organic matter. Traditionally, gardeners would add manure every spring and rotate crops around. Start with easy to grow plants like lettuce, onions, carrots, radishes, peas and beans. Tomatoes can be more difficult to grow from seed, so purchase those from a garden centre.




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Don't forget, after introducing yourself, make the effort to wave, greet and chat with your neighbours regularly. This encourages friendly chit-chat and can make neighbours feel connected.

To help you get started pick up a **My Neighbour Card!**



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The Cougar

Article by J.G. Turner
Photo by Jamie Dutcher

The cougar, Alberta's biggest cat, can be found in wild areas along the full length of western North America, and Mexico, Central America and South America. Adult males can weigh up to 90 kg while females average 45 kg. Adults are well camouflaged with tawny to grey-brown fur and black tips on their tails and backs of their ears. Their heads are small and round and their eyes are brown with large pupils.

Fun Facts:

- Despite their wide distribution, cougars are seldom spotted by humans.
- Cougars are apex predators and are excellent hunters.
 - Cougars have a killing bite with sharp teeth to tear off chunks of meat and a rough tongue to clean traces of meat off their prey's bones.
 - Their hind legs are longer than their front ones to give better spring to pounce on their prey, their claws are razor sharp for bringing down their prey and climbing trees and their skeletons bend easily for jumping, stretching and twisting.
 - These cats have an excellent sense of smell and their large pupils help them see their prey in dim light.
 - Cougars are hunt-and-wait predators, meaning they watch their prey silently in trees or rocks and pounce when their prey is feeding.
 - Cougars hunt moose, elk, caribou and deer.
- Cougars are solitary animals unless they are with their young.
- When a female is ready to give birth, she finds a den in rock piles, caves or under a deep brush of fallen trees.
 - Cougars will occasionally use human built structures such as doghouses, sheds or hunting cabins for their dens.

Cubs develop their hunting skills by hunting at their mother's side and stay with their mother until they can hunt for themselves which is typically between 13 and 24 months.

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal in distress, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society hotline at 403-239-2488, for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at www.calgarywildlife.org for more information.

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Neighbour Day is fast approaching



Saturday, June 17!

Do you miss the days when neighbours connected and got to know each other?

Held annually on the third Saturday of June, Neighbour Day is an opportunity for neighbours to come together in the form of a front yard barbecue, garden party, picnic, community clean-up, or afternoon tea in a local park to celebrate our strong community spirit in Calgary.

The idea is to meet your neighbours, make new friends, and have fun.

Create a gathering of your own, or find out if some of your neighbours or your community association is hosting a gathering, and make **Saturday, June 17** the day you get to know your neighbours!

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Recently, there has been some discussion around publicly-funded Catholic education in Alberta. As trustees for the largest Catholic school district in Alberta, we would like to share a few facts, provided by our partners at the Alberta Catholic School Trustees Association (ACSTA).

- Catholic education has been operating in Alberta since the 1840s and has held a longstanding, distinct role in Alberta's public education system. It is enshrined in the *Constitution of Canada*, Section 93, solidified in the *Alberta Act 1905* and further supported by the *Alberta School Act*. Alberta Education is currently ranked 5th in the world overall in the area of Education and Skills (per the Conference Board of Canada) and Catholic education in Alberta is proud to be an integral part of this success story.

- Catholic education in Alberta serves over 175,000 students (approximately 30 per cent of all Alberta students) in over 430 schools. There has been no study that has indicated any money would be saved by eliminating Catholic schools - the same number of students, educated by the same number of staff, driven to school by the same number of busses, maintained in the same number of schools would be needed.

- Catholic education is a unique partnership between the school, home and parish. Together this partnership is a close relationship between the faith community and the church, through locally elected trustee representatives who independently create policy and govern their boards. Catholic education seeks to develop a student's whole person by integrating academic excellence permeated in faith.

To read the entire ACSTA document, please visit: <http://www.acsta.ab.ca/news/2017/4/4/catholic-education-confronting-fiction-with-facts>. We are proud of Catholic education and its legacy in Alberta. We will continue to provide our students with welcoming, safe and caring learning environments permeated by faith in all of our schools.

A reminder that Alberta municipal elections will take place on October 16, 2017. This is an opportunity for Albertans to run as school trustees and represent their communities in governing our schools. This form of democracy is vital to Catholic education and provides a voice for local constituents. Call your local school board trustee or visit the City of Calgary website to learn more. The ACSTA will also hold an information session for prospective candidates on June 8 at 7 p.m. at Prince of Peace School in Auburn Bay.

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Message from the Calgary Board of Education Board of Trustees

Election 2017

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Trustees hold important roles. They provide leadership for the CBE by defining the vision, Results and Operational Expectations for the organization on behalf of its community.

Our next municipal election will take place on Oct. 16, 2017. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a public school board trustee, an information evening is being planned for June 13, 2017.

More information about the event will be posted on our website. For more information on the municipal election, please visit Calgary.ca.

Budget 2017-18

The CBE budget for the next school year will be finalized and approved by Trustees by the end of May.

Information about the budget is being shared on our budget information page as it becomes available. You can also share your feedback with us through the form online at www.cbe.ab.ca/budget

Graduation 2017

It's the time of year when our high school graduation ceremonies are upon us once again. Graduation is a time of reflection and celebration. It is a time for our students to look back on their journey with us, and to think about what they have achieved.

Whether our graduates have joined us for just a short time, or right from kindergarten, we believe that the time they have spent with us has helped them grow as people and to develop a life-long love of learning.

Our graduates can be justifiably proud of their achievements. We would like to express our gratitude to their families, friends, teachers, principals, support staff and their fellow students for the significant role they played in helping each graduate reach his or her goals.

We can all celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of our graduates as they mark this important milestone in their lives. We are extremely proud of our students and extend our heartfelt congratulations and wish them success where ever the future may take them.

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◆ Forty word limit

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YOUR COMMUNITY/CITY EVENTS AT A GLANCE...

Canada Day at Fort Calgary – 750 9 Ave SE, July 1

Beginning with a free pancake breakfast in the morning, this is a day of celebration and riotous fun. Family-friendly activities go all day long and could include: live local music, traditional Indigenous games and stories, the NWMP Commemorative Association patrol camp, a food truck caravan, powwow dance workshops, plus the City of Calgary's 'living flag' event. Admission is free. More info: fortcalgary.com.

My Sporting Life, Our Canada Speaking Series: Discover Canada – Southcentre Mall – July 8 at 1 PM

It's rare you'll find Leigh McAdam here in Calgary. She is always on the move writing and researching for her widely popular travel and outdoor blog HikeBikeTravel. Leigh is also the author of the book "Discover Canada – 100 Inspiring Outdoor Adventures." Hear more from her year visiting all provinces and territories. You'll leave Leigh's talk with a desire to get out and explore everything Canada has to offer right here in our own backyard! Plus, there is a \$250 gift card door prize up for grabs. Admission is free.

Calaway Comic Fest for Kids – Calaway Park, July 14 – 16

Calling all superheroes! Dress up in your best family-friendly costume and visit the Artist Market featuring unique items from local artists, or stop by the Photo Op Zone to be transported to a world far, far away. Forgot your mask? Stop by the Superhero Face Painting Center. Come experience Calaway Park like you never have before! Open 10 am to 7 pm. More info: calawaypark.com.

Calgary Folk Music Festival – Prince's Island Park, July 27 – 30

This festival features 70 artists from over 16 countries on 9 stages in 100+ distinct concert and unique on-the-fly collaborations at urban, forested retreat of Prince's Island Park. Like a mini town, the site boasts an interactive family area, international craft market, global culinary delights, a record tent and tree-shaded beer garden. It's a collective sound salvation for musical omnivores; a 4-day long weekend where a diverse, multi-generational audience is immersed in live music in a cool, relaxed atmosphere. More info: calgaryfolkfest.com.



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Budget Town Hall Update

On April 8th I held a budget town hall. The event was attended by people from all parts of the political spectrum who provided their input on the current state of Alberta's finances. The common theme I heard at the event was that the government is on an unsustainable path and that we cannot continue to go further into debt. Our continued reliance on unpredictable resource revenues means that we will never be able to balance the budget.

Participants were presented with the question of how to increase provincial revenues in order to reduce our reliance on non-renewable resource revenue. When asked how they felt about revenue options, their preferences were ranked in the following order:

1. Carbon Tax fully offset by Personal and Corporate Tax reductions and innovation tax credits
2. PST with cuts to Personal and Corporate Tax
3. New user fees: Toll roads, health care premiums, etc.
4. PST on top of other taxes
5. Carbon Tax on top of existing taxes
6. Increase Corporate Tax
7. Increase Personal Tax

I also asked those in attendance to identify where they felt they sat on a continuum of budget options from our current deficit path to the sustainable path to cutback path. I overwhelmingly heard people want to find savings in government spending without hurting front-line services. This includes:

- Cap on non-renewable resource revenue used for core programs
- Constrain operational spending by 1%
- Public sector pay freeze
- Rethink tax system to reward individual effort and increase investment
- Shift to new, sustainable revenue sources to fund core programs

I would like to thank the volunteers and everyone who attended. I appreciated receiving the feedback and would like to hear from all constituents on the issue of our provincial finances. Please feel free to contact

my office at calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca with your thoughts.

Neighbour Day

This year marks Calgary's fourth annual Neighbour Day. The event was created to recognize and remember how Calgary's communities came together to help their neighbours after the 2013 flood. Held this year on June 17th, Neighbour Day is a time for Calgarians to celebrate our strong community spirit by organizing community events such as garden parties, picnics or neighbourhood clean-ups. Contact your local community association for information on events in your neighbourhood. Each year I try to attend as many events as possible in Calgary-Elbow. If your community is having an event, please let me office know by calling 403-252-0346 or by email at calgary.elbow@assembly.ab.ca.

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Neighbour Day

One of my biggest goals when running for office was to build, nurture and grow diverse and activated neighbourhoods. While all of our communities might look different, the thing that makes Calgary so great are the people who live here. Passionate and engaged Calgarians are found in every corner of our city and it's been awesome to meet so many of them in my role as your City Councillor so far.

Our inner city and established communities are not only diverse in age, gender, income and ethnicity but also in what they value in a city. These different perspectives are a big part of the constant dialogue surrounding how we make our neighbourhoods better. Personally, I think the best way to increase and improve our city is to get to know each other.

Neighbour Day is held every year on the third Saturday of June and is an opportunity for neighbours to come together. The idea is to meet your neighbours, make new friends, have fun and maybe work together on a project that benefits the entire community. Whether you're having a front yard barbecue, a garden party, a street clean-up or setting up some games in a local park, I encourage you to be a part of the neighbourhood you want.

For every other day of the year, The City of Calgary offers a wide variety of community-based programs and special events for children, youth, families, adults and seniors across Calgary. There's a range of opportunities to take advantage of to help build strong and inclusive neighbourhoods where citizens are empowered, connected and involved.

Make Saturday, June 17th the day you get to know your neighbours! Visit calgary.ca/neighbourday for ideas to help you celebrate or contact my office at 403-268-2431 or ward08@calgary.ca for more information.

myYYC Plane Spotting

There is an avid community of plane spotters at YYC made up of aviation enthusiasts that observe, photograph and log registration numbers of aircraft. Plane spotters look for key characteristics to differentiate aircraft such as: number of engines, shape of the wings, length of hull and type of landing gear. Below are three of the most common aircraft at YYC and how to spot them:



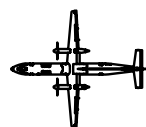
Boeing 737

- Two engines located under the wings
- Wings fixed under the fuselage
- Pointy nose



Beechcraft 1900

- Two propeller engines
- Multiple fins on the wings and tails
- Square fuselage



Bombardier Q400

- Two propeller engines
- Wings fixed above the fuselage
- T-shaped tail

Share your best plane spotting moments on social media with us!



Mount Royal



Last 12 Months Mount Royal MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
April 2017	\$709,800	\$688,000
March 2017	\$2,899,000	\$2,770,000
February 2017	\$1,575,000	\$1,575,000
January 2017	\$2,367,500	\$2,225,000
December 2016	\$3,433,000	\$3,200,000
November 2016	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000
October 2016	\$599,000	\$596,550
September 2016	\$2,074,450	\$1,962,500
August 2016	\$0	\$0
July 2016	\$932,450	\$939,987
June 2016	\$1,599,000	\$1,575,000
May 2016	\$1,595,000	\$1,515,000

Last 12 Months Mount Royal MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

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

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

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5 Summer Travel Safety Tips

Happy (almost) summer everyone!

We hope you have been having a great June so far! June is always a busy month at the shelter as preparation for our summer camp program kicks in to high gear. All month long we will be preparing to welcome hundreds of young campers to enjoy their summer with us! With summer vacations on the horizon our call centre has also been getting a lot of questions about how to best keep pets safe while travelling this summer, so this month we are bringing you our top 5 summer travel safety tips for your pet!

- 1. Make sure identification is up to date!** Nothing is more scary than having your pet go missing in a strange place, but having up to date identification greatly increases the chances your pet will get back to you safely! Double check your pet's collar tag and the registration on their tattoo or microchip to ensure your information is correct. If you will be using a different phone number while on vacation consider having a special collar tag made for the trip.
- 2. Update your pet's vaccines and preventative medications!** Pay a visit to your vet before vacation to find out what vaccines and preventative medications your pet should have. Just as with humans, vaccinations should be based on where your pet is

visiting. Your vet is the best person to advise on what vaccines are most appropriate for your pet.

- 3. Bring fresh water for Fido!** Just like humans our pets can catch parasites, like giardia, from drinking out of streams or rivers. Bring fresh water to keep Fido happy and hydrated.
- 4. Bring plenty of your pet's regular food!** Sudden changes in food type can leave a pet with an upset tummy. We recommend bringing a few extra days' worth of kibble, just in case!
- 5. NEVER leave your pet in the car!** The temperature inside a car can climb dangerously high very fast, even when parked in the shade. Pre-plan your journey to be pet friendly and bring a leash so a travel companion can take your pet for a walk if you need to stop for supplies.

Would you like more information on how to keep your pet safe this summer? Do you have questions about Fido's behaviour before you hit the open road? Interested in learning more about all the fun summer programs running at the shelter? We would love to hear from you! Visit www.calgaryhumane.ca or call 403-205-4455.



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Justice for Albertans

When Judges are in the news condemning policies and demanding action it's typically a bad sign ("Top Alberta judges condemn trial delays, demanding Parliament acts to fill vacancies on the bench," Kaufmann, Calgary Herald, Sept. 28, 2016).

In 2016 one judge in particular – Court of Queen's Bench Chief Justice Neil Wittmann – was blunt in his assessment. Of the previous federal government's treatment of Alberta's justice system he said this:

"The previous federal government wouldn't even authorize the appointment of the number of judges that the Alberta government had, by statute, said they require. In my opinion that is constitutionally impermissible." ("Alberta judge shortage at 'breaking point,'" Grant, CBC News, Oct. 26, 2016)

In some cases a trial would have a wait time of one or two years before it was even seen by a judge. It's this undermining of a legal system by starving it of resources that underserves Albertans and Calgarians, and has ensuing costs to commerce, jobs, and justice for Canadians.

That's why in 2017 our government is creating 28 new federally-appointed judicial positions, to help address demographic pressures in regions like Alberta and ensure that Canadians have timely access to justice in Canada – through an investment of \$55.1 million over five years and \$15.1 million per year thereafter, as well as legislative amendments.

This is in addition to the good work that provincial Justice Minister Kathleen Ganley is doing with a recently announced boost in funding, adding new judges to provincial courts, and hiring 50 new Crown prosecutors (and thirty support staff).

All Canadians – no matter their means – should have the right to a fair trial and access to a modern, efficient justice system. We are committed to ensuring that our justice system is fair, relevant and accessible to all Canadians

by helping economically disadvantaged people in obtaining legal assistance and representation.

In Budget 2016, we committed to an additional \$88 million over five years for legal aid funding partnerships with the provinces and territories, and today we have announced an additional \$30 million per year in ongoing funding. These new funds will make more legal aid available for those who need it and will support new ways of delivering services. Performance measurement will also be added to make sure legal aid funding is doing what it needs to do.

Our 2015 platform was built for Alberta – by immediately working to ease EI rules for those hit by the commodity downturn, investing in carbon pricing to create a consensus to approve (and to soon build) four pipelines to foreign markets, and by working with international partners to open up new markets. I take my role as the cabinet minister from Calgary seriously, in supporting veterans as Minister of Veterans' Affairs, and work every day to make sure that we can continue to build this city.

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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Admission: By donation (suggested \$5.00 per person). All donations go to The Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society to support education programs in the park.

Tuesday, July 4th: Berries and Blooms
What is that shrub with the berries I see? What are those flowers buzzing with bees? This is your chance to find out. Join us for a walk to explore the flowers and shrubs of Fish Creek.
When: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Where: Votier's Flats Day Use Area (South end of Elbow Dr. S.W.)

Tuesday, July 11th: Whirly Gigs and Water Tigers
Wonder down to the pond and enter the world of water monsters! We will use nets and buckets to explore the fascinating world just below the surface. Learn about amazing aquatic insects and invertebrates as well as the other plants and animals of the wetland.
When: 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Where: Fish Creek Environmental Learning Centre, Shannon Terrace Day Use Area

Tuesday, July 18th: Walk about Rotary
Explore River, wetland and prairie for birds, bugs and blooms along the pathways of Chinook Rotary Nature Park. Bring binoculars if you have them and enjoy an evening of nature exploration.
When: 7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.
Where: Chinook Rotary Nature Park (off McKenzie Lake Blvd. SE)

Tuesday, July 25th: Predator Prowl
Are there bears in Fish Creek? What eats the ground squirrels? Who left those tracks? We will try to answer these questions and more as we delve into the world of the predator.
When: 7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.
Where: Bebo Grove Day Use Area (South end of 24 St. SW)

Tuesday, August 1st: Big Hill Springs Provincial Park Tour
Join us for a lovely stroll through this little gem of a park with waterfalls, forests, flowers and birds. Be prepared for a few hilly bits and uneven terrain, but overall a relatively easy walk.
When: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
Where: Big Hill Springs Provincial Park (maps and directions will be provided)

Tuesday, August 8th: Birding Basics
What makes a bird a bird? What is that bird in your backyard or your local greenspace? This is your chance to learn how you might figure these things out. Books, binoculars, tips and tricks for the beginner birdwatcher. Bring binoculars if you have them.
When: 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
Where: Hull's Wood Day Use Area (Access off Bow Bottom Trail S.E.)



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