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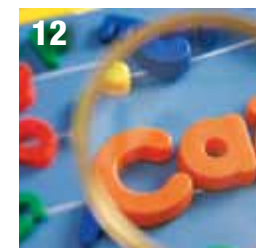
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| | Average Asking Price | Average Sold Price |
|----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| June 2017 | \$667,400 | \$665,000 |
| May 2017 | \$714,900 | \$712,000 |
| April 2017 | \$633,000 | \$645,000 |
| March 2017 | \$635,000 | \$613,000 |
| February 2017 | \$595,000 | \$578,000 |
| January 2017 | \$607,000 | \$600,000 |
| December 2016 | \$623,900 | \$601,000 |
| November 2016 | \$660,000 | \$635,000 |
| October 2016 | \$650,000 | \$630,000 |
| September 2016 | \$669,900 | \$636,500 |
| August 2016 | \$694,500 | \$678,250 |
| July 2016 | \$689,950 | \$672,500 |

Last 12 Months Signal Hill
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

| | No. New Properties | No. Properties Sold |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| June 2017 | 17 | 16 |
| May 2017 | 19 | 15 |
| April 2017 | 17 | 15 |
| March 2017 | 20 | 17 |
| February 2017 | 12 | 5 |
| January 2017 | 9 | 5 |
| December 2016 | 3 | 10 |
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Doing Exercise Better

By Joe Mills

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For is exercise really that straight-forward and problem-free? Only a slightly deeper look at what really happens reveals an array of confusing and shocking statistics: the everyday or actual exercise realities for most people.

Did you know, for example, that numerous sources state that 90% of people experience back pain; 20% experience chronic pain; 50% have—or have had—a mental illness; 3% in the U.S have healthy lives; 80% in Britain have unhealthy lives; 80% of January gym recruits quit by May; and 70% of runners have a serious injury each year.

Yet what is more shocking is not only that we live in an era known for its better than ever levels of science, technology and systematic planned programs, but also the robust research that explains how humans were designed to find running (read exercise) easy.

In other words, it's not a huge leap of logic to suggest that

while the common ways of doing exercise may work for some it doesn't work for most: clearly “something-more” is going on.

My name is Dr. Joseph Mills and I gave up an academic post in the U.K. to move my young family to beautiful Alberta (Cougar Ridge) and my research—published in the world's strongest academic journals invited to ten of the most prestigious sports universities—transforms what exercise is by showing how an **exercise knowledge-practice gap** exists.

An exercise knowledge-practice gap that contains a whole **series of constraining, distorted and undermining effects** that no-one (even the best coaches in the world who were my participants) ever sees because all knowledge comes from the very same ‘naturally-unequal’ society that, for example, makes women work for free after Nov 9 because of the gender-knowledge-then-pay-gap.

And so, re-thinking what exercise can or should be in ways that overcome today's unseen problematic constraints has rich potential for people looking to live happy healthy lives without the pain, soreness or extra hard work.

Stay tuned to find out more!

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5 Spelling Tips for Summer

Summer's for slowing down, but not for shutting down! We want to keep our kids sharp, ready, and excited for the new school year. Here are five spelling tips you can do with your kids to improve their spelling skills this summer. Remember, all language arts skills – reading, writing, listening, and speaking – are related. When you read, write, speak, and listen with your child, you're strengthening those spelling skills. Try incorporating these five great spelling game ideas into your child's summer routine and watch their spelling skills improve by leaps and bounds!

1. Do a scavenger hunt. Find items that begin with a certain letter. First to find ten items wins an extra ten minutes of bedtime story reading. Bedtime reading is precious.
2. Be an artist. With your children, draw or cut out pictures of people, items, and events that start with a certain letter. Be creative and exaggerated for emphasis and vocabulary-building. "F is for fireworks, fishing, frolicking, fast footraces, freedom, fresh fruit, family, friends, and fields full of flawless flowers." Exhibit these pictures for the whole family to appreciate.
3. Play word games in the car. Kids really don't need to be in front of a screen all the time. For each five minutes on a ride, spot as many items as you can that begin with a certain letter. Make a list. After five minutes, change the letter.
4. Keep a summer journal. Writing helps spelling like no other activity.
5. Have a pen pal. Kids love getting mail. Snail mail is more fun than email, and it gives your children something to look forward to!

Remember, summer is the perfect time to relax, but it's also important to keep your kids on track. There is no reason to be bored this summer when there are endless, fun and educational spelling activities. Enjoy!

FOR ART'S SAKE



Festivities in August

By Alex Bonyun

August is a great month to get out and experience art in our community for free! Whether it's an outdoor festival, or an indoor celebration, there's so much for you to see! Downtown you can take in Olympic Plaza on a warm August day with the Spaghetti Western Music Festival (August 20, noon - 9pm), Canada's alt-country music festival, or celebrate Canada 150 with Happenings (August 18, 5 - 9pm), the free visual art party with live music and creative activities inside Arts Commons. Another way to enjoy music outdoors this summer is at Calgary ReggaeFest (August 17 - 19), a three-day festival in Shaw Millennium Park.

For anyone looking for a bit of theatricality in their August, the Calgary Fringe Festival (August 4 - 12) returns to Inglewood this year with a unique line-up of unexpected, unforgettable performances. Calgary Opera's Opera in the Village festival is making the move from East Village to the newly unveiled Enmax Park with the hit show South Pacific (August 10 - 20, 8pm nightly).

If you're looking for a stroll through some of Calgary's character neighbourhoods Inglewood's Sunfest (August 5) and Marda Loop's Marda Gras Festival (August 13) are back again for another great year.

For something a little quieter with a slice of nature, the Calgary Dragon Boat Race & Festival (August 12 - 13) is a fun way to kick back on the banks of the Glenbow Reservoir and root for your favourite team! And, if you've never checked out Globalfest (August 15 - 26), Calgary's largest display of fireworks is a fantastic way to enjoy music and culture from around the world, while being wowed by a truly explosive display.

For a full list of Calgary's festivals this August, indoor and outdoor, you can visit calgaryherald.com/life/swerve/swerve-festival-guide-2017-august.

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Why you need to report the sale of your home

By Suzanne Smith-Demers, Registered Retirement Consultant

Fortunately, Canadians don't have to pay capital gains tax on the sale of their primary residence. Until recently, you didn't even have to mention a sale on your tax return either, but while the capitals gains on your home can still be exempted from tax, there are important new reporting requirements.

Last October, the Canadian government announced new measures requiring everyone to report the sale of their home on their tax return. If the sale is not reported, you could be re-assessed. You may even be subject to a penalty in the future. CRA has stated that it is unlikely a penalty will be issued when the sale occurred in 2016, given that the reporting requirement is brand new, but it may not be so lenient going forward.

The new rule is part of the government's attempt to rein in potential abuses of the principal residence exemption (PRE), such as non-Canadian residents claiming the exemption and others claiming it on a second property in the same year. Usually, 50% of a capital gain on an asset must be reported as taxable income. But the PRE allows Canadian residents to be exempt from paying tax on capital gains on their principal residence. Only one property can be designated per year as a principal residence, therefore gains may be taxable on the sale of a second property, like a vacation home.

The bottom line is this: if you sell your home, complete Schedule 3 at tax time to claim the PRE and to avoid any potential penalties for late filing. Most individuals previously eligible to claim the PRE will continue to remain eligible.

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- Drowning contributes to unintentional injury-related death among children ages one to four;
- Children can drown in just a few centimetres of water if it covers their mouth and nose;
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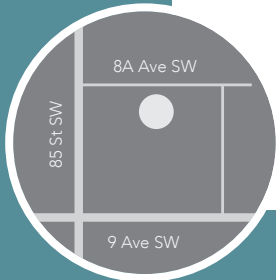
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| August 2016 | \$699,900 | \$675,000 |
| July 2016 | \$759,000 | \$758,000 |

Last 12 Months Christie Park
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

| | Average Asking Price | Average Sold Price |
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| June 2017 | \$830,000 | \$809,000 |
| May 2017 | \$799,900 | \$775,000 |
| April 2017 | \$899,950 | \$881,250 |
| March 2017 | \$689,900 | \$681,000 |
| February 2017 | \$857,450 | \$840,000 |
| January 2017 | \$0 | \$0 |
| December 2016 | \$800,000 | \$757,500 |
| November 2016 | \$850,000 | \$800,000 |
| October 2016 | \$799,900 | \$767,000 |
| September 2016 | \$0 | \$0 |
| August 2016 | \$975,000 | \$930,000 |
| July 2016 | \$0 | \$0 |

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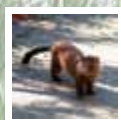
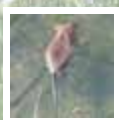
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Chugga-chugga-chugga-chugga, swimming in the pond,
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Chugga-chugga-chugga-chug... stopping for a bite;
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Tail up, tail down, steering while I swim,
Like a skinny rudder, my tail's long and thin.
Eyes up, eyes down, chugga-chugga, splash...
I dive below the water in an unexpected flash!

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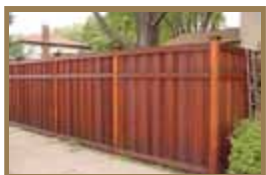


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You can make walking an important part of your life by getting friends and family to join you and finding new ways to put steps in your day. Joining a walking group and setting goals to walk will help build walking into a regular part of a healthy routine.

Some people like to track their steps through a phone app or a pedometer. Using one of these step counters can help to set short and long-term goals for how much you walk in a day. Other people like to set alarms in their phone to remind them to walk. No matter how you choose to remind yourself to get up and walk, doing a bit each day improves overall health, mood and creates good habits.

- Here are some tips to be safe while outside walking:
- Know your surroundings. Walk in a well-lit, safe place.
 - Carry a cell phone for emergencies.
 - Wear comfortable shoes and socks that cushion and support your feet.
 - Pay attention to your walking surface. Use sidewalks and paths.
 - If you usually walk outside and the weather is bad, take comfortable shoes to the mall and walk several laps inside.
 - Drink plenty of water before, during, and after you are active. Take a water bottle with you when you walk. This is important when it's hot out and when you do intense exercise.

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Helping Your Children with Social and Emotional Skills for Kindergarten

Age 5 is a "big" age as these kids are getting ready for school! Now we have to focus on getting ready for Kindergarten and learning new skills.

Kindergarten is right around the corner and this is such a fun (yet stressful) time for kids. Here are some tips to help your child look forward to starting school.

1. Visit the school playground and have fun playing!
2. Ask him/her to draw a picture of how they think the first day will be. Answer any questions that they may have.
3. Set up a goodbye and pick up plan. And stick to the plan as much as you can!
4. Plan what they will wear on the first day!
5. Walk your child to the door on the first day.
6. Talk about the day after school is done. Ask if they remember something fun they did, or was there something important they learned.
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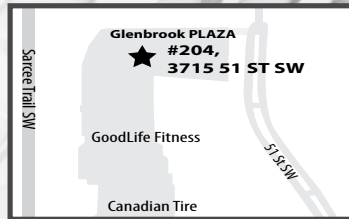
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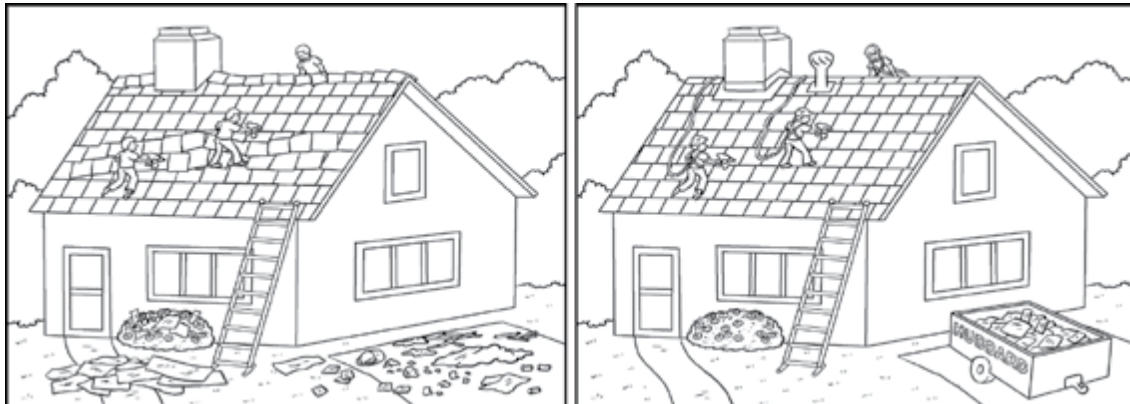
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2. Know the potential risks and hazards in your community

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3. Know the evacuation routes

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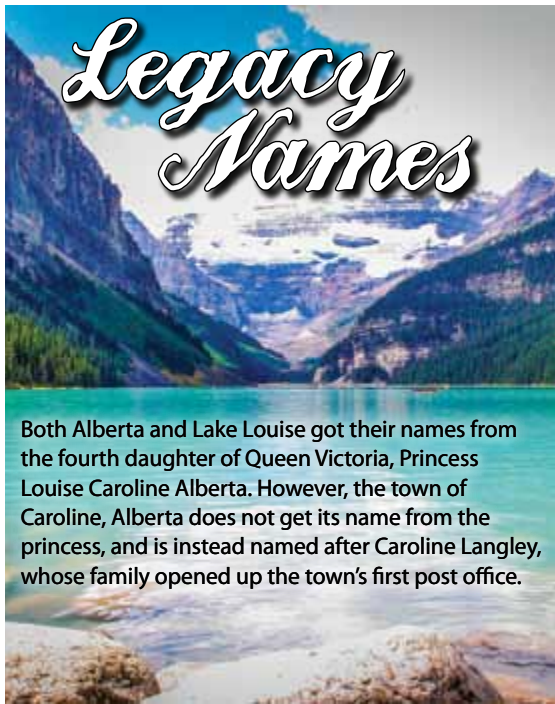
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As the Legislature remains adjourned for the summer, I wanted to provide you with a few items your PC caucus saw success on this past year. While there remains much work to be done, and we anticipate a busy fall sitting ahead, we are pleased at many of the successes of the opposition over the course of the past few months.

• **Anti-oilsands activist Tzeporah Berman has been removed from the Oil Sands Advisory Group.** After months of controversy and significant pressure by both the PC and Wildrose Opposition, the Premier finally stood up for oil and gas jobs and removed Ms. Berman from the public payroll. While we value all points of the discussion, comparing the oil sands to Mordor from *Lord of the Rings* is hardly constructive, and we believe the committee can get back to work now that Ms. Berman has been removed.

• **We remain concerned about plummeting math scores across Alberta.** The province's curriculum redevelopment efforts must focus on ensuring our children know the basics, and have the skills to work within today's increasingly technical and globalized economy. We will monitor the province's priorities when it comes to curriculum redevelopment carefully.

• **We are pleased with the New AIMCo Appointed Directors.** A few months ago, I wrote to you about political interference in the Alberta Investment Management Corporation (AIMCo) where the Premier wanted to appoint NDP insiders to the Corporation's board, rather than Albertans with expertise in investing. The Government has once again appeared to cave on this issue, appointing highly competent individuals who are not NDP connected.

These are three areas we have seen some progress in this session, but will continue to monitor. I welcome your feedback – please feel free to give my office a call or email anytime. Have a wonderful summer.



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The House of Commons has adjourned for the summer, with the last sitting day on June 21. Some of the most noteworthy pieces of legislation that were debated throughout the month of June are below.

Bill C-44: An Act to Implement Certain Provisions of the Budget Tabled in Parliament on March 22, 2017

This budget implementation act has been a top priority for the government and for the opposition. The opposition has argued that the creation of a Canadian Infrastructure Bank should have been introduced in a stand-alone bill to allow for a more comprehensive study of such a large project.

The Standing Committee on Finance studied the subject matter of C-44 from May 10 to 30 following, the finance committee presented Report 17 with various amendments to the House on May 31. Report 17 included several amendments to the role and mandate of the Parliamentary Budget Officer. Bill C-44 was adopted by the House on June 12, and has received Royal Assent.

Bill C-6: An Act to Amend the Citizenship Act and to Make Consequential Amendments to Another Act

Bill C-6 repeals many of the previous government's changes to how people can gain or lose Canadian citizenship, with the end goal of making Canadian citizenship easier to obtain. It reduces the amount of time permanent residents have to live in Canada to be eligible for citizenship to 3 years.

Through June, opposition MP's have voiced their concerns with the bill, which repeals the government's authority to revoke citizenship when an individual has engaged in acts against the national interest of Canada.

Bill C-6 received Royal Assent, with amendments made to it as suggested by the Senate.

Bill C-45: An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts

Bill C-45 was introduced by Minister of Justice Jody Wilson-Raybould on April 13. The government has stated that the intentions of C-45 and the legalization of marijuana are to control and regulate the production, distribution, and sale of cannabis, with the goal of preventing young persons from accessing cannabis. The government claims that C-45 would protect public health and safety by establishing product safety

and quality requirements, as well as reduce and deter criminal activity and remove the profits of the illegal sale of drugs from the hands of dealers.

In the House, Bill C-45 has received careful watch and consideration by the Official Opposition, to ensure that public health and safety, especially of youth, is protected. Another concern of the opposition has been the fact that once marijuana is legalized, the majority of the implications of C-45 will actually fall under the jurisdiction of the provincial governments, imposing a large burden on them.

The Conservative caucus will continue to ensure that Bill C-45 undergoes comprehensive study and review, and that the Liberal government does not rush the legalization of marijuana. As of June 8, C-45 has been referred to the Standing Committee on Health.

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Grass Maintenance

I have heard your feedback regarding the maintenance of the City's grass in parks, boulevards, and medians. The Parks and Roads Departments have been working together to find a balance between appearance and expenditure. The City now uses contractors and has reduced grass cutting for boulevards to every six weeks, resulting in a substantial cost reduction of approximately \$750,000. Park space maintenance continues to occur every 10-14 days, while sports fields receive weekly maintenance as a matter of safety.

Further, native grass species are being incorporated onto the boulevards. Some may interpret these grasses as appearing overgrown and unkempt, but they are intentionally being integrated into the green spaces to complement the maintenance schedule. More drought and salt resistant grasses are always being tested for potential cost savings.

Testing of Autonomous Vehicles

As we look to the future of Calgary, I am particularly excited about our City's potential to diversity and grow into areas previously unexplored. In January, the seed of an idea was planted, with a pilot project for deploying a low-speed autonomous shuttle in a controlled 1km environment between the Calgary Zoo LRT station and the Telus Spark Science Centre for six months in 2018.

Since then, City Council and Administration have been

thinking hard about the future of transportation, and that idea grew into a Notice of Motion to position Calgary as a test centre—City-wide—for autonomous technology. I was pleased that this Motion received unanimous support at Council.

Calgary is an important transportation and logistics centre, and our young, educated workforce offers strong technology skills. We also have a natural environment offering many different terrains, from mountains and prairies to forests and urban areas. The Calgary region also offers a wide variety of climates for testing as well as notoriously varied seasons – not to mention Chinooks!

Ontario and 18 American states have already passed legislation on enabling legislation related to autonomous vehicle testing. Urgency is important, and a strong business case needs to be prepared, but our goal, first and foremost, is public safety, with a risk assessment to determine whether we can proceed. The outcome we are looking for is a significant reduction in traffic accidents, lives saved, lower insurance rates for these car owners, better traffic flows, reduced parking spaces, and enhanced mobility for the young, the elderly, disabled, and poor.

I've been asked if autonomous vehicle testing will help enhance our City brand as being progressive and innovative, and my answer is absolutely yes! With an estimated 1,000 jurisdictions in the world competing for talent and investment, this is an opportunity to enhance our work in the competition and truly complement our natural advantages. More discoveries, more adaptations, more products, and more jobs.

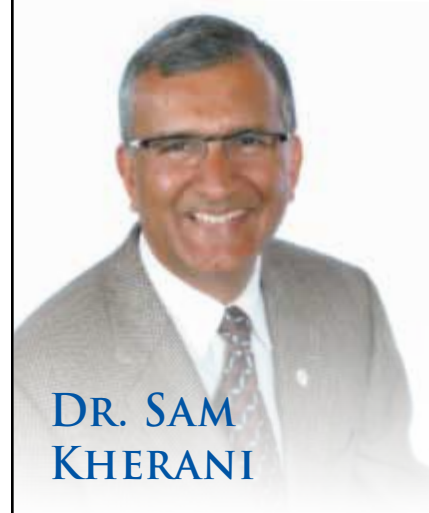
Council has asked Administration, in collaboration with Calgary Economic Development, to report back on the merits of testing autonomous vehicles on Calgary's roadways no later than Q4 2017, and if approved, we will reach out to the Province of Alberta with a request to enact this legislation. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "The future depends on what we do today," and I look forward to the findings this fall.

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