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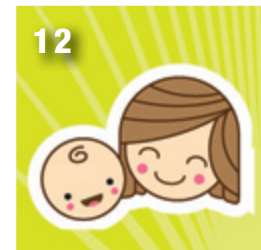
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Peak Earnings At Last! The Pluses and Pitfalls

by Suzanne Smith-Demers – Consultant

You've worked hard and now you're right in your earnings sweet spot: these are your peak earnings years. Not only has your income increased, your finances are steadily improving. Now is the time to secure your long-term financial future by making the most of your peak earnings years. Here are some tips for doing just that:

Pay off unwanted debt Apply some of your extra money to paying down your debts, be strategic and focus on the highest interest costs first.

Identify your priorities Rushing forward to realize some dreams? Beware of spending too much now at the expense of your future. Take the time to identify your priorities and budget realistically to achieve them.

Prepare your kids It's tougher these days for young people to become financially independent. Many parents are finding themselves helping their kids, not just with post-secondary, but for several years beyond. Investing a few dollars each month into a registered education savings plan (RESP) is a good start, having your kids contribute some of their own pocket money can help teach them too.

Support your parents As a member of the sandwich

generation you could find yourself not only supporting your kids but aging parents as well. Include that possibility in your budgeting decisions and look for ways to plan for certain expenses in advance.

Plan to retire How would it feel to know that you are financially prepared to retire at a day of your choice? On that day, you get to decide whether to step back or keep working. Developing an effective retirement paycheque means striking a balance between various registered and non-registered programs. Having a plan in place that gives you this flexibility means putting the retirement decision in your hands.

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The Indoor GARDENER

by Cindy DeJager

PRAYER PLANT

(marantaceae leuconeura erythronera)
Origin: Brazil

In the evening the leaves stand up facing each other, like praying hands, and lay flat during the day.

This is one of my favourite house plants! I love a plant that has something special about it – and this one certainly does.

HOW DOES A PRAYER PLANT PRAY

Circadian rhythm, the change in light from day to night, triggers water to move in and out of the plant cells causing them to fold up at night, hence the name, Prayer Plant.

The most popular are the colourful marantaceae leuconeura erythronera (Herring bone, Red-nerve plant, Red-veined prayer plant) with its burgundy veined leaves (pictured above), and the green m. leuconeura kerchoviana (Rabbit track).

These plants don't like the cold – so a windowsill in the winter may cause the edges of the leaves to brown. Browning of the leaf edges may also indicate low humidity.

Maranta loves humidity but not wet soil – make sure that your tropical potting mixture has some vermiculite or perlite in it for good drainage.

Feed it every 2 weeks with a 10-10-5 plant food.

Moderate lighting; no direct sunlight for this beauty; otherwise you will notice the color fading from the leaves.

As a matter of fact, most vibrant and colourful foliage does not need direct sunlight at all; rather, pale foliage and variegated houseplants require brighter or direct sunlight to produce photosynthesis.

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November 2016	\$660,000.00	\$635,000.00
October 2016	\$650,000.00	\$630,000.00
September 2016	\$669,900.00	\$636,500.00
August 2016	\$694,500.00	\$678,250.00
July 2016	\$689,950.00	\$672,500.00
June 2016	\$682,450.00	\$658,500.00
May 2016	\$607,400.00	\$589,750.00
April 2016	\$655,000.00	\$620,000.00
March 2016	\$629,900.00	\$617,000.00
February 2016	\$624,900.00	\$604,000.00
January 2016	\$639,900.00	\$613,000.00

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

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
December 2016	3	10
November 2016	18	13
October 2016	14	13
September 2016	12	8
August 2016	7	8
July 2016	14	10
June 2016	11	18
May 2016	16	14
April 2016	23	15
March 2016	21	11
February 2016	14	8
December 2015	4	6

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6. Are you looking for a church where there is a clear emphasis on the family?
7. Are you looking for a church with a focus on result-producing prayers?
8. Are you uncomfortable attending a church service?
9. Is a deep expositional Bible teaching important to you?
10. Has society given up on you, and you're looking to turn your life around?

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Thur - Revival Service	7:00 - 8:30pm	742 85 th St SW

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Open Heavens	7:00 - 9pm	Every Friday preceding 1 st Sunday of the month
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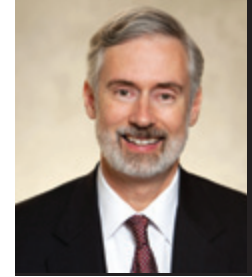


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Happy New Year Ward 6! It has been a privilege serving you over the past six years. Last November, Council deliberated and voted on Mid-Cycle budget adjustments including a tax rate reduction for 2017 to 1.5%. Council proposed a 1.5% rebate from the Fiscal Stability Fund, effectively bringing the 2017 tax rate increase to 0%. Council had directed administration to lower the tax rate, which included a plan to reduce the budget through a combination of corporate funding sources, department savings from operating efficiencies, and service reductions, which totalled \$73 million in relief for citizens. As Calgarians have expressed, Council hopes a zero percent tax rate will signal to the Alberta Government that Albertans need relief from the Province too. Forecasts indicate a recovery might not be expected until 2018. Under Council's direction, administration will examine the feasibility of another zero percent tax rate for 2018.

I am happy to share with you that this year I will be on the Transportation & Transit Standing Policy Committee. This work will provide me with even more opportunities to contribute to transportation conversations and decisions, which are among your highest priorities, particularly Ring Road planning. Another important priority in Ward 6 is crime and safety; I will be serving as Vice Chair of Community & Protective Services, which provides the backbone of services for our quality of life. I am stepping down as Chair of the Audit Committee, a role in which I served for the past three years, but will remain Vice Chair. I am proud of our several dozen internal audit reports about City operations, which can be found under Audit Committee at agendaminutes.calgary.ca, including many recommendations made to City business units to improve efficiencies. To view all of the committees I serve on, please visit calgary.ca/ward6 on the 'About' section.

- User Fee Relief and Revenue Reductions by the Numbers
- Fee Freezes for 2016
 - Transit
 - Recreation
 - Parks
 - Pet Licensing

- Utility Rates
- Green Cart Program (no fee for 2017)
- Planning and Development
- Fire Inspection and Permits
- Secondary Suite Applications
- Landfill Tipping Rates (2017)

Summary of Budget Adjustment Benefits (\$ millions)

- Tax Relief (\$73.0)
- User Fee/Utility Rate Freezes (\$65.9)
- Targeted Initiatives (\$9.1)
- Lower Revenue – absorbed (\$35.3)
- Total of All Initiatives (\$183.3)

As we enter an election year, according to Council policy, all Councillor-hosted events must take place by May 31, 2017. I look forward to meeting with you in the first half of 2017 at one of my upcoming events:

Councillor Chats

Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 5 – 8 p.m. at Glenbrook Community Association, 3524 45 Street SW
Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 9 a.m. – Noon at SCA Community Association, 277 Strathcona Drive SW

Ward 6 Open House

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 from 5 – 8 p.m. at Glendale Community Association, 4500 25 Avenue SW

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August 2016	\$699,900.00	\$675,000.00
July 2016	\$759,000.00	\$758,000.00
June 2016	\$679,000.00	\$652,500.00
May 2016	\$649,500.00	\$635,000.00
April 2016	\$549,900.00	\$533,000.00
March 2016	\$742,450.00	\$721,250.00
February 2016	\$799,800.00	\$777,500.00
January 2016	\$679,450.00	\$662,500.00

Last 12 Months Christie Park
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2016	\$800,000.00	\$757,500.00
November 2016	\$850,000.00	\$800,000.00
October 2016	\$799,900.00	\$767,000.00
September 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
August 2016	\$975,000.00	\$930,000.00
July 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
June 2016	\$929,900.00	\$895,000.00
May 2016	\$897,450.00	\$860,000.00
April 2016	\$859,900.00	\$855,000.00
March 2016	\$669,900.00	\$629,000.00
February 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00
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I want to thank the many of you who attended my Open House in November. It was great to discuss the important issues in our community. I also was very pleased to be a part of the Remembrance Day ceremony at Battalion Park this year. It is always important to stop and take stock of how lucky we are to live in a safe and caring society like Canada.

Work continues in the legislature by your PC Caucus to get the true issues of Albertans onto the table. Of considerable concern to us is the imposition by the Government of a carbon tax. When Alberta oil and gas is hurting, this tax will not make life any easier for oil and gas companies. Our caucus continues to implore the Premier and her cabinet to consider shelving this proposal. I also believe that it is critically important that we do everything we can to make Alberta attractive to investment – something that a punishing additional tax on business and consumers doesn't do. Even during this time of low oil prices, investment in Saskatchewan has been growing. With a Government sending the right signals, investment in Alberta would be far better than it is today.

The increase in gang related crime in Calgary weighs on my mind heavily, and I would like to take a moment to thank those in law enforcement for the hard work they do every day. As a former police officer, I recognize the challenging and dangerous nature of the job. I have been working in the Legislature to curb the distribution of fentanyl, a powerful drug, and have been pleased to have some success thus far. As Justice Critic, I'll continue to work hard to review the practices and policies put forward by the Government on this matter, and identify key areas where we can do better.

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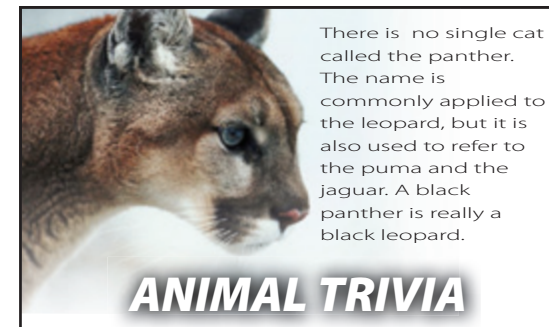
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The Official Opposition Finance team has been hard at work, criss-crossing the country to hear Canadians views on the next federal Budget, set to be tabled in 2017. I want to take a moment, as your MP, to share with you what our team heard, and how we are working within Parliament to push for the voices of Canadian taxpayers to be respected in the upcoming budget.

Every day, I hear a story about a constituent whose employment has been impacted, at least in part, due to the federal government's budget. Our economy has lost 30,500 full time jobs in the last year according to Statistics Canada. Many witnesses, such as the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, agreed that increases in payroll and business taxes that have been introduced by the Government have significantly limited job-creators abilities to hire more employees. Other witnesses wondered if (and when) the Government might ever actually try to meet its promise to reduce small business taxation rates. We know that small business creates the majority of new jobs in Canada – and we believe strongly that Government needs to do more to encourage a job-creation atmosphere.

On taxes, many witnesses we heard from seemed to suggest that the Government had a mixed record at best. While the effectiveness of the "middle class tax credit" is debatable, what is clear from every family income situation our team has run, is that with the cancellation of popular tax credits like the Child's Fitness Tax Credit, nearly everyone is paying more personal income tax today than they were a year ago.

I want to thank the more than 440 organizations that submitted commentary to our Finance team, the more than 290 witnesses our team heard from across Canada, and the many of you who have written me sharing your family's situation and providing suggestions on what Government can do to increase the quality of life for all Canadians. Rest assured we will continue to push forward on this file in the months ahead.

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