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President's Message

HCA Annual General Meeting

I want to thank everyone who came out to the AGM on November 27th. We achieved quorum and we were able to elect our Executive for 2-year terms and the rest of the Board for one year terms. We also cleared off a backlog of minutes and three years of financials. We also approved some new bylaws, specifically to get current with today's standards with regards to communication and proxy voting. We also changed the membership term back to one year from date of purchase and we now allow two member votes per household. I also want to thank the representatives of our elected officials: Kelli Taylor (MP Pat Kelly), Joseph Heenan (MLA Michael Connolly) Greg Hartzler (Ward 2 Councillor Joe Magliocca) and our long-time City of Calgary Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator, Heather Mackay for coming out and giving us updates and answering some questions. Also, a big shout out to Hawkwood resident and Britannia Wine Merchant manager Steve Goldsworthy for helping us out with some great wines.



HCA Needs You!

Here at HCA, we have a few key volunteer positions that we need to fill to round out our team. If you have a couple of hours a month to spare and are looking to help out in this great community, then please consider volunteering in some of the key roles such as Social and Volunteer/Fundraising. Please contact me at President@HawkwoodCA.com or give me a call at (403) 277-9225 if you are interested and I can answer any questions you may have.

Outgoing Directors

Speaking of our Directors, I want to acknowledge the efforts of two retiring Directors. Russell McPherson was our Treasurer for almost 3 years. Russell was an experienced volunteer having been on several Not-For-Profit Boards in the past and he brought his wealth of experience to HCA. I enjoyed working with Russell through the many challenges that we faced in the last couple of years. I wish him well and I am sure we will see him out at HCA events and hopefully he'll enjoy more camping in Kananaskis. Elhadi Hammoutene joined us shortly after Russell and was responsible for recruiting and organizing the volunteers for HCA. Additionally, he helped organize donors and charitable donations for our events. Elhadi was a tremendous asset to us and unfortunately for both him and us, his work commitments

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meant he spent more time away from Hawkwood than in it. He stayed on much longer than I thought he would, given these incredible circumstances, and I applaud him for squeezing time in for HCA. Please join me in thanking Elhadi and Russell for their commitment as volunteers in this great community!

Holidays

As you are reading this, we are probably in the midst of the Christmas holiday season. I want to personally thank all the members of the HCA board, the many volunteers and especially our gracious donors for a great 2018 and I look forward to working with you again in the New Year. I also want to wish every resident of Hawkwood a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hopefully 2019 will bring joy and success to us all.

Kevan Newman
President, Hawkwood Community Association

Fitness At The Uplands

NEW session starting early January and running until end of March, 2019 (12 weeks)

Mind-Body Classes

- **Yoga Flow** - Monday 7-8 pm – Starts Jan 7th
- **Teen Yoga** - Thursday 6-7 pm – Starts Jan 10th
- **Candlelight Yoga & Relaxation** - Thursday 8-9 pm – Starts Jan 10th
- **Yoga Flow** – Saturday 10-11 am – Starts Jan 12th

Cardio and Core-Focused Classes

- **Boomer Bootcamp** - Monday 9:30-10:30 am – Starts Jan 7th
- **Cardio, Core & More** – Wednesday 9:30-10:30 am – Starts Jan 9th
- **Total Body Tabata** – Friday 9:30-10:30 am . Starts Jan 11th

Pricing:

- **Full Session (all 12 weeks):** \$10/class (\$8/class for Uplands residents)
- **Multiple Class Drop in:** \$11/class x however many classes you wish to purchase (\$9/class for Uplands residents)
- **Single Class Drop in:** \$12/class (\$10/class for Uplands residents)
- **All classes run at the Uplands Recreation Centre** at 20 Hawkside Road N.W. All experience levels are welcome. Participants are required to bring their own yoga mats. All other equipment is provided.
- **Please visit:** www.uplandsrecreationcentre.com/uplands-fitness-programs.html for class descriptions and how to register.

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Hawkwood Babysitters

Hello! My name is Megan and I would love to babysit for you! I am 16 years old and I have completed the Red Cross Babysitting Course. I am also certified in First Aid & CPR/AED (Level C) through my high school Sports Medicine class.

I am available to babysit on weekends and occasional weeknights in Hawkwood and surrounding areas, and I charge \$10 per hour. I also offer dog walking and cat sitting services. Please contact me at 403-862-3273 (cell) or 403-276-9508 (home). I am looking forward to hearing from you!

Need a Babysitter?? Hello, my name is Abigail Vass and I have just taken the Babysitting Course with my friend Isabella Moran. We love children and would love to have the opportunity to babysit for you. Both of us live in Hawkwood. I am 11 years old and love sports and art; Izzy is 12 and loves dance and acting. We both have lots of experience taking care of siblings and little cousins. Thanks for your support.

Please contact me at 403-374-1914 if you are interested in meeting us.



HAWKWOOD
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Membership Application

2019 Memberships can now be purchased online at www.hawkwoodca.com

Memberships are valid for the 2019 year.

You can pay for your membership on-line using Interac, Visa or M/C.

For more information, email memberships@hawkwoodca.com

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

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The Hawkwood Community Association,
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Councillor Report

I would like to wish all residents of Ward 2 a Happy New Year! 2019 will be a great year for Ward 2 as we have a lot of exciting projects moving forward. City Council has approved a new Four Year 2019-2022 Budget Plan. This Budget provides funding for a number of important projects in Ward 2 which includes:

- New Interchange on Stoney Trail / 14th Street.
- Twinning the Shaganappi Trail Interchange over Stoney Trail.
- Building the Missing Link on Symons Valley Parkway.
- Completing 144th Avenue between Evanston and Symons Valley Road.
- New Symons Valley Library in Sage Hill.

These infrastructure projects represent over \$100 Million of capital investment in Ward 2 which will help create more jobs, reduce congestion on our major roadways and better connect our Ward 2 communities. While I did not support everything in the 2019-2022 Budget, approval for these projects has been my top priority as your City Councillor and I was pleased to see that Budget 2019-2022 fully funds each of these projects.

The Calgary Awards is one of the largest citizen recognition programs in our city. The City of Calgary established the Calgary Awards in 1994 to celebrate and recognize outstanding achievements and contributions made by Calgarians in the previous year. Each year, individuals, corporations, community groups and organizations are nominated in five major award categories, for a total of 13 awards. The City of Calgary encourages all Calgarians to look to their neighbours, colleagues, community leaders, local organizations and businesses for those who could qualify as recipients of the Calgary Awards. For additional information, nomination criteria and the online application form visit: calgary.ca/calgaryawards; Nominations open on Wednesday, January 16, 2019.

Joe Magliocca, Councillor, Ward 2

I'm Voting for Kids (Part 1)!

With the provincial election approaching quickly, we'll be highlighting some fast facts about child development that you can use to start a conversation with candidates and representatives to help figure out where the best checkbox for your vote is!



Fast Facts about School Readiness:

- More than one in four Alberta children are struggling in their development by kindergarten
- A higher percentage of young children in Alberta are experiencing developmental difficulties as compared to the Canadian norm
- Across Alberta, there are nearly 100 regional Early Childhood Coalitions providing local responses to help kids prepare for school
- If a child doesn't have a 5,000-word vocabulary by kindergarten, he or she is less likely to meet grade level reading by Grade 3 – an important determinant for high school completion

Ask the candidates and representatives you encounter how their parties will support the early years to improve school readiness in Alberta's children, and check out more facts (and their sources) at <http://www.2000days.ca/an-integrated-approach-to-early-childhood-development/>

The Calgary NW ECD Coalitions consist of three coalitions who have joined forces with parents, community members, organizations and professionals, who are all working together to better the lives of young children and their families. We are always looking for interested parties to join our coalitions.

If you are passionate about children and their future, and would like more information about the Calgary NW ECD Coalitions, or if you have any questions, please email us at: nwecdcoalitions@gmail.com.

Calgary NW Early Childhood Coalitions

DID YOU KNOW??

The first public cell phone call was made on April 3, 1973 by Martin Cooper.



2019 Membership Improvements

The Hawkwood Community Association proposed changes to our bylaws with the goal of improving memberships for the community and the efficiency of our processes. At the recent Annual General Meeting, attendees approved these changes:

- Memberships will be valid for 12 months from date of purchase. We will send renewal reminders.
- Each household with a membership will have up to two votes at the Annual General Meeting.
- Members can select a proxy person to vote on their behalf if they are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting.

All changes will take effect as of January 1 2019, for 2019 memberships and beyond. The annual membership fee remains at \$30.

I view these as positive changes to better meet our members' needs. We continue to explore new opportunities to improve our services. New programs and activities are in development, and if you have an idea you'd like to see please contact programs@hawkwoodca.com.

To register your community membership, please complete and mail in a membership form, which is available in each month's Hawk Eye, or online at www.hawkwoodca.com/aboutus/memberships/.

Christina Barr, Membership Director

This Month in History

January 7, 1714

A patent was issued for the first typewriter designed by British inventor Henry Mill "for the impressing or transcribing of letters singly or progressively one after another, as in writing."



News from St. Maria Goretti School

St. Maria Goretti School offers an Italian Language and Culture program. In January we celebrate the Epiphany feast in a special way. The Epiphany feast, celebrated on January 6th, is also known as La Befana in Italy. It is a very important part of the Christmas tradition and festivities in Italy. La Befana is a fairy tale about an old woman who is visited by the 3 Kings on their search for Baby Jesus, and she is invited to go with them on their search. Because she has no gifts to bring she declines the offer to travel with them. On her own time, she prepares sweets and treats for Baby Jesus and plans to catch up with the 3 Kings when she is prepared. When she has her sack full of little gifts for Baby Jesus, she flies on her broomstick in an attempt to find the 3 Kings and Baby Jesus. Legend says every year La Befana goes out searching for Baby Jesus but does not find him. So she delivers her sack of small gifts to the children in Italy and leaves them in their shoes left out for her to fill.

At St. Maria Goretti, when the students return to school on January 7, La Befana's gifts will be awaiting them. Each homeroom teacher leaves a stocking on their door handle before the Christmas break. Over the holidays the class stocking will be filled with little baggies of treats for every student in the class. Additionally, La Befana leaves a letter in each classroom with her blessings for the children.

Joke Corner



- Q. Why was the snowman sad?**
A. Because he had a meltdown.
- Q. What do you call a snowman party?**
A. A snowball
- Q. What kind of math do snowy owls like?**
A. Owlgebra
- Q. What falls in the winter but never gets hurt?**
A. Snow
- Q. What do Snowmen call their offspring?**
A. Chill-dren

Come and Rent a Garden Bed -

Be Part of a Community!

Are you aware that Hawkwood has a beautiful community garden?

If you are interested in getting to know some community members and want to enjoy the outdoors and grow your own produce, join us at the garden! Renting a garden bed for the 2019 season is open to all community members so please don't delay! Garden contracts can be found at www.hawkwoodca.com under the Initiatives tab in the Community Garden section. The cost is \$15 for a 4' by 8' and \$10 for a 4' by 4' with a Hawkwood Community membership.

Contact us at hawkwoodgarden@gmail.com for all inquiries or check us out at www.hawkwoodca.com under Community Garden.



West Valley Softball 2019

Registration is OPEN for the upcoming 2019 season. West Valley is the designated softball program for children Hawkwood wishing to play softball. West Valley offers a Learn-To-Play program for children born between 2014-2011 and a softball program for those born 2010-2000. The softball season runs late April to mid- July. For more information check out the West Valley website www.westvalleysoftball.com , email me at ssca2@shaw.ca or give me a call at 403-288-2616. West Valley happily accepts JumpStart and KidSport funding.

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A Flu Free New Year

It's not too late for your influenza immunization

You resolve to start the year healthy. To eat well, be active... but what about your influenza immunization?

Influenza has arrived in Alberta. No matter how healthy you think you are, if you haven't been immunized yet this season, you're at risk of contracting influenza too. The good news? Influenza immunization is still available, free of charge, to all Albertans six months of age and older. Start your year healthy and stay that way; get immunized today.

For more information, including local clinic schedules, visit www.alberthealthservices.ca/influenza or call Health Link Alberta at 1.866.408.5465.

Alberta Health Services

Hawkwood Citadel 214 Scouting News

Happy New Year - we hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. In November, the Beavers and Cubs were blessed with favorable weather during their weekend camp at Camp Valaqua. The majority of time was spent outside, practising some of their newly-learned outdoor skills, hiking, and appreciating the beauty of the area. Thank you to our Vents for organizing some of the camp activities for your younger counterparts! Another highlight of the month was a visit from a local paleontologist, who had the children mesmerized... he even brought real dinosaur fossils to show!

In December, the Beavers and Cubs brought some Christmas cheer to our friends at the Edgemont senior's residence. The Seniors enjoyed singing carols along with the children, and the interaction with the youth sure brightened their spirits. Our annual holiday visit to the Edgemont is enjoyed by both young and old! Our Vents also did their part in spreading Christmas cheer helping fundraise for the Salvation Army's Christmas Kettle campaign at Market Mall. Rumor has it that the Vents put on quite a show! The Vents also helped out "Santa's Elves" by filling toy hampers at the Salvation Army toy warehouse. Thank you to all of you, for showing us the true meaning of Christmas!

Thank you again to everyone who bought popcorn during our annual fundraising campaign. Here is a special shoutout to our top-sellers: Dante Leung (Beavers), Nathan Dummigan (Cubs), Derrick Martin (Scouts), and Grant Simpson (Vents). Congratulations and thanks for your efforts!

Our post-Christmas bottle drive is on January 5th. Save yourself a trip to the bottle depot and donate your empty cans and bottles to the Scouts! Every dollar raised goes directly towards the Hawkwood/Citadel Scouts activities. Thank you for your support! ****Don't forget to visit our Facebook page: Hawkwood Citadel 214 Scouts****

Danielle Kiss - Hawkwood/Citadel Scouts

SAVE YOUR HOLIDAY EMPTIES - BOTTLE DRIVE JAN. 5!

Hawkwood/Citadel Scouts' next bottle drive is on January 5th. Please watch for us coming door to door; leave your bottles at the end of your driveway/walkway marked "Hawkwood/Citadel Scouts"; or drop your bottles off at the St. Thomas Church parking lot on Hawkwood Boulevard. Thank you for your support! All proceeds from our bottle drives go directly towards funding Scouting activities such as camps, field trips, and jamborees.



Literally Speaking Toastmasters at the Crowfoot Library

A guest to my community Toastmasters meeting enjoyed it thoroughly and was glad she had been encouraged to attend. She found the atmosphere accepting, fun and productive. The Pathways program provides members a flexible, interactive way of developing their skills while helping other members to work on theirs. With limits in her own communication skills that were keeping her from being the best she could be, our guest was interested.

The organized meeting structure was impressive in that so much was accomplished! Members had opportunities to practice different skills and they learned from each other. Feedback was incorporated into the meeting, was positive and encouraging, and provided suggestions for improvement. As a guest, she felt she had learned and was interested in coming back.

Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development. In Calgary, January 28 through February 2, 2019 is "Open House" week where many clubs will be organizing activities, events and special meetings to engage and inform guests. Local clubs meeting in your area any day during this week may have an event happening especially for you.

Clubs are always open to guests, so during Open House week, or any other meeting day, please feel free to drop in and see for yourself. Check out the Toastmasters International website at: www.toastmaster.org, and click on the "find a club" button to find a club near you. Use your postal code as the search term to hone in on your area. Clubs meet in the evenings, noon or even mornings every day of the week!

Mary Schoendorfer - Literally Speaking Toastmasters, meeting Tuesday noon at Crowfoot Library

DID YOU KNOW??

More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.



Why Buy an HCA Membership?

Your membership fees support the work of the Hawkwood Community Association to provide facilities, services, and programs to benefit our entire community:

- Building and maintaining the skating rinks, playgrounds, community garden and path systems
- Organizing free social events such as Picnic in the Park & Sundaes on Sunday
- Delivering community information to your door in the Hawkeye and online through www.hawkwoodca.com providing a forum for discussing neighbourhood issues, challenges and opportunities

Memberships are valid for the calendar year and are required for Soccer registration and voting at the AGM. For a mere \$30, you can make a big impact in helping your community. memberships@hawkwoodca.com

Attention all Up and Coming Babysitters

We are excited to offer the Babysitter Plus CPR Certification course right here in Hawkwood, on January 19th, 2019! This course introduces youth learners to caring for children on their own, teaching them about responsibility and the importance of injury prevention in young children. Topics include: the ages and stages of development; provision of appropriate care; interview skills; resume writing; diaper changing; and most importantly, what to do in an emergency.

Participants will earn both their Babysitter Certificate AND their CPR-C Certificate.

Date: January 19th, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Uplands Recreation Centre, 20 Hawkside Road NW, Calgary

Cost: \$120 HCA Members/ \$135 for Non Members

Age: 11 years old and up

To register, visit: <https://www.showpass.com/hcababysitter/>

Or email us at programs@hawkwoodca.com

Hawkwood Soccer

Early Registration starts January 21st!

It's that time of year again, time to start thinking about spring soccer registration! Our season runs from late April until the end of June and our online Early Bird Registration will open on January 21st. Please see our website for all of the season's details and prices, as well as the registration link.

We run a U4, U6, and U8 program that takes place once per week at the Hawkstone fields. There is no previous soccer experience required at any of the levels. The goal of the program is to introduce kids to soccer, have them burn off some energy, and hopefully fall in love with the game. The kids also get the experience of being on a team where they get a team uniform and picture and get to know some other children from the community.

Volunteers

Hawkwood soccer is a volunteer-based program and we need people to sign up for various roles to help our program run smoothly. We need coaches, team managers, picture night aides, and wrap up party volunteers. My experience has been that many people are nervous about taking on a volunteer role the first year that their kids join as they not sure what is expected of them. You definitely do not need any previous experience or have any knowledge of soccer to volunteer, even for coaching. We will provide you will the information and training that you need for your role.

The wonderful thing about volunteering with soccer is that you get to know many people in the community. It is a great way to meet other parents, as well as the kids that your child might talk about from school or daycare. If you have any questions about any of the roles, please see our website for more details, or send me an email and we can chat.

Coaching

Coaches are the main role that we struggle to fill each year and it is the most important role. For coaching, the only skill needed is a bit of enthusiasm! The job is mostly about reminding the players to chase the ball instead of counting dandelions with gentle reminders to try and stay on the field, not to pick up the ball with their hands, and that we only need one goalie, not four

in the net at a time. There are always two coaches per team so you will have someone to work with and we will provide a coaching clinic to teach you all of the warm up games and the rules you will need to know. Please consider being a coach - it really means a lot to the kids.

Last year, we had a few members of the community who did not have kids in the program but enjoyed soccer and wanted to get involved. If there is anyone interested in volunteering to coach (including teenagers) who are not registering children in the program please contact me!

If you have any questions about registration or the program, please email me at soccer@hawkwoodca.com.

Shannon Erno, Soccer Director

HCA's Trivia Night

Saturday January 26th, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader? Love watching Cash Cab on TV? Are you the president of your household's Alex Trebek's fan club? Then sharpen your pencils, dust off your books of random facts, get your thinking caps on and come join us for Hawkwood Community Association's Trivia Night!

What: HCA's Trivia Night

When: Saturday, January 26th, 7-10 pm

Where: Uplands Recreation Centre
(20 Hawkside Road NW)

Who: Everyone is Welcome!

Cost: \$12.50 HCA members / \$15 for non-members
(includes snacks)

Grab your spouse, partner, and friends or come by yourself and join us for a fun night of head scratching trivia. Make up your own teams of 1-4 people or come on your own and we will match you up with others needing a team.

There will be prizes, snacks, beverages for sale and, of course, lots of laughs.

Doors open at 7pm, trivia starts at 7:30 pm.
No cellphones please!

Get your tickets by going to
<https://www.showpass.com/hca-trivia-night/>
Or email us at programs@hawkwoodca.com

Events In and Around Calgary

Zoolights:

November 23 – January 5, Calgary Zoo. Visitors are welcome to enjoy spectacular light shows and displays at Calgary Zoo. More than 1.5 million twinkling lights are involved in this interactive light show, complete with kids' play areas, festive choirs, Santa and hot chocolate! www.calgaryzoo.com

Lions' Festival of Lights :

December 1 – January 8, Confederation Park. The Festival of Lights is the largest FREE drive-by Christmas Lights showcase in Calgary. It's comprised of over 300,000 lights along 14 th St NW. Designed by James Alafritz, Creative Intelligence Agency. It is a collaborative effort that draws upon many volunteers, organizations and sponsors. Through it all, the Calgary and area Lions Clubs members and volunteers keeps things organized and on track. www.lionsfestivaloflights.ca

The Motorcycle Show Calgary:

January 4 – 6, BMO Centre. Enjoy a wide-ranging and exciting line-up of exhibitors that celebrates the motorcycle lifestyle. From the open road, to the track and to the trail, this is your chance to see the newest models from the big names, plus the latest in apparel, accessories and touring destinations - all under one roof. The Show is jam-packed with special features and events that are sure to please riders of all ages, including the kids. www.calgarymotorcycleshow.ca/

The Illusionists Live From Broadway:

January 8 – 13, Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. The world's biggest selling magic spectacular is coming to Calgary! THE ILLUSIONISTS Direct From Broadway is an acclaimed mind-blowing spectacular. A stunning sequel featuring 7 new masters of mental and optical illusion, packed with thrilling and sophisticated magic of unprecedented proportions... www.rvda-alberta.org

TELUS Spark Adults Only Night:

January 11, TELUS Spark. Experience the ultimate night out at the Science Centre. Open for extended hours, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., just for adults. This months theme is Embrace Outer Space. Land your rocket at TELUS Spark for a night that celebrates the vastness and mysteries of outer space. From earth to the edges of our solar system, we're hosting a night of fun and excitement as we explore the things we know about the stars above, the things we are curious about, and the things that we can only imagine. www.sparkscience.ca

Calgary Renovation Show:

January 11 – 13, BMO Centre. The Calgary Renovation Show (formerly Calgary Home Expo) is back and better than ever. Get no-nonsense advice from stars including Bryan Baeumler, Justin F. Smith and Neil Harding as well as inspiration and ideas from more than 200 trusted brands and local vendors. www.calgaryrenovationshow.com

Harlem Globetrotters:

January 23 – 24, Scotiabank Saddledome. The amazing, talented and entertaining Harlem Globetrotters are back with their tricks and fun this January at the Saddledome. www.facebook.com/HarlemGlobetrotters/

Calgary RV Expo & Sale:

January 24 – 27, BMO Centre. Those thinking about hitting the road for the first time or upgrading their current model should not miss western Canada's biggest showing of RVs and related services and accessories. In addition to vehicle and product displays, the event includes a program of seminars covering all one needs to know about the RV Lifestyle. www.rvda-alberta.org

Tickets, admission or registration may be required for events. Event details are believed correct as of press time but may change at any time.



New Year's Resolution - Assemble Important Documents

It's the New Year again; a time when many are making resolutions and taking steps to be better organized. This January, start small with one task: organize your important documents so that you are prepared for anything, including an emergency or disaster.

In a disaster, your immediate concern will be the safety of you and your loved ones. But, once the immediate danger passes, having access to important financial, insurance, legal, medical, and other personal documents will be crucial to help you start the recovery process quickly.

"Trying to gather up all of these documents during or after an emergency can be very challenging," said Tom Sampson, Chief of the Calgary Emergency Management Agency. "Taking time now to safeguard these critical documents will help you avoid additional stress when a disaster actually hits."

What kind of information should you gather?

- **Identification:** copies of driver's licenses, passports birth certificates, social insurance numbers.
- **Household:** mortgage records, insurance policies, photos of household contents.
- **Medical:** health care numbers, insurance/benefit information, copies of prescriptions, names and addresses of doctors and specialists.
- **Financial:** tax and banking information, credit card numbers and contacts.

Sampson offered the following tips:

- Consider storing paper copies at home in a fireproof and waterproof box or safe, in a bank safe deposit box or with a trusted friend or relative.
- Store electronic copies of important documents in a password-protected file on a flash/USB or external hard drive in a fireproof and waterproof location, or consider using a secure cloud-based service where you can always get access.
- Make sure your documents are together, and easy to grab and go if you needed to evacuate your home.

For more information about how to prepare your family and your home for an emergency, visit calgary.ca/getready. Learn what the risks are in Calgary, how

to build a 72 hour emergency kit and take the Calgary Emergency Management Agency's Ready Calgary course.

City of Calgary

Compost Your Real Christmas Tree



- Cut your tree into smaller pieces to put into your green cart. Make sure the lid can close.
 - If your green cart is full, tie extra branches (no more than four feet long) together with a natural fibre string or place them in paper yard waste bags. Set tied branches or yard waste bags at least one foot from the side of your green cart.
 - You can also bring your Christmas tree to a tree drop-off from December 26 to January 31.
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- Auburn Bay Off-Leash Area
52nd St and Auburn Bay Dr S.E.
 - Bottomlands Park: St. George's Drive N.E. (soccer field parking lot)
 - Bowness: 7937 43 Ave N.W. (next to community recycling depot)
 - Braeside Park: 256 Brookpark Drive S.W.
 - Confederation Park: 905 30 Ave N.W. (east parking lot)
 - Huntington Hills Athletic Park: 7920 4th St. at Huntstrom Dr. N.E.
 - IKEA: 8000 11 Street S.E. (northwest corner of parking lot behind store)
 - Marda Loop Communities Association: 3130 16th Street S.W.
 - North Glenmore Park: 6615 37 Street S.W. (Weaselhead parking lot)
 - Park 96: 14660 Parkland Blvd S.E.
 - Pop Davies/ Ogden Athletic Park: Ogden Rd & Millican Rd SE
 - Prairie Winds Park: Westwinds Crescent N.E. and Castleridge Blvd N.E. (north parking lot)
 - Sacramento Parks Depot: 10400 Sacramento Drive S.W.

How to prepare your tree

- Remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel, string and tree stands.
- Do not wrap or bag your tree.

For landfill hours and program information, please visit calgary.ca/christmastree.

Watch for Your New and Improved Water Utility Bill

Delivering safe and reliable drinking water, treating wastewater, providing flood protection and maintaining a system of pipes, plants and pumps for a city of 1.2 million is complex. Reading your bill shouldn't be.

You told us you wanted your utility bill to be simple and clear. We worked with you to make it easier to see what you pay for and how your rates are calculated.

What's new?

Starting this month, the water portion of your utility bill clearly outlines your City of Calgary water services. It shows your usage, how it's calculated and how your rates ensure reliable water service and support critical infrastructure for our city.



Your water charge pays for the cost of treating your drinking water and getting it to you. Your basic service charge enables us to maintain the infrastructure needed to do that.



Your wastewater charge pays for the cost of taking away the water you've used and treating it before it's returned to our rivers. Your bill now shows you are paying for 90% of your water usage rather than 90% of the wastewater rate. The calculation more clearly shows that on average through the year, 90% of the water you use goes to the wastewater system and a portion (e.g. outdoor watering) does not. While the calculation shown on your bill has

changed, what you pay has not.



Calculation prior to bill improvements:
 $8\text{m}^3 @ \$1.4852/\text{m}^3 = \11.88 .
Calculation now: $(8\text{m}^3 \times 0.9) = 7.2 @ \$1.6502/\text{m}^3 = \$11.88$

Your wastewater basic service charge enables us to maintain the infrastructure to treat wastewater.

Your storm water basic service charge

enables us to maintain reliable street drainage, flood protection and the health of our rivers.

Every business, organization and home in Calgary depends on around-the-clock access to water services. Your rates support us to deliver high quality drinking water, treat our wastewater safely and protect the river – our source of drinking water. Together we make life better every day.

For more information on water rates and reading your bill, visit calgary.ca/waterbill.

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How to Prepare for a Home DIY Project

Whether you're looking to start a home renovation or solve a last-minute do-it-yourself crisis, it's best to be prepared for both the inevitable and the unavoidable. Being organized and ready will save you money in the long run and will also relieve anxiety attributed to a big change or unforeseen accident.

Follow these three tips to ensure that the next time you need to do some handywork or repairs, you're fully prepared for a stress-free project from start to finish.

- 1. Buy good tools.** If you're looking for tools that will last from now until the end of time, consider buying Craftsman — a brand of tools with a long-standing reputation for high-quality products that will get any job done. Now available in-store and online at Lowe's, Rona, Reno-Depot and Ace, this brand has you covered for everything you need, from hand tools to power tools.
- 2. Make a plan before you start.** Sure, you can do a DIY project on the whim, but for larger-scale projects, be sure you have a plan, so you have a better sense of what needs to be done and you can avoid unwanted surprises. If you don't have a blueprint of what you're looking to renovate, you may end up living in a disaster zone for a lot longer than you need to.
- 3. Plan for forever, not for right now.** You might think to paint your room yellow because you're currently feeling tropical, but come a few years – or even months – that may not seem like such a good choice. Consider a universal design and use adaptable features wherever possible. That way, in the future, any change you make to your home doesn't have to be drastic, which will help you save time and money.

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