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In Our Community

TCA President's Report

The Tuscany Community Association is looking forward to hosting the 3rd Annual Tuscany Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 20, and we hope you'll drop in. We'll have games, crafts, music, and more. Our location is the same as last year—on the fields just north of Twelve Mile Coulee School. There is no admission cost, but we encourage you to bring a donation for the Calgary InterFaith Food Bank. We're hoping to offer a free shuttle bus to get residents to and from the event, but we haven't finalized the details, so watch for more information closer to the date. Parking is very limited, so ride your bike or walk if you can.

The Northwest LRT began operating in Tuscany on August 25 and will help Tuscany residents with their commute to and from school and work. If you're one of these people, please take the bus from home from the LRT station, if possible—there is not much parking in the surface lot, and Calgary Transit has improved the frequency of the buses in Tuscany. There is a new bike shelter available, so that is another good option. If you are driving and dropping passengers off at the station, please be respectful of residents who live nearby, and keep your eyes out for seniors and children, especially along the curve on Tuscany Springs Boulevard. In short, please slow down!

We're hiring! The TCA and the TRA are joining forces to expand the Tuscany Youth Council. All youth in Tuscany in grades 7 to 12 will be welcome to participate in the Council, and we're seeking a MRU Recreation grad to oversee the program. By the time this newsletter is delivered to

you, we may have filled the position, but if you're qualified and interested, please check with me just in case.

I have received many traffic and parking complaints from residents who live near our three schools and have encountered many inconsiderate drivers. Some block driveways with their vehicles while dropping off or picking up children, and others disregard traffic laws by doing u-turns through crosswalks, texting as they drive away from the school, etc. The Calgary Police Service and the Calgary Parking Authority will be in the neighbourhood frequently this fall, so follow the rules or suffer the consequences.

The Twelve Mile Coulee School Outdoor Fitness Area is an ongoing effort, and the TCA continues to support the plans. If you are interested in donating to the project, please contact committee chair Pam Mylrea at TMCOutdoorFitnessCommittee@gmail.com.

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TCA President's Report *continued*

On the Planning & Development front, we have a few parcels for development in our community that should move ahead by the spring, and within a few years, we'll have no more new housing to be built. The Calgary Board of Education's plans for a new elementary school are proceeding, as is the planning for a new fire station in Tuscany. You may have attended one of the open houses for a new neighbourhood southwest of Tuscany—plans are taking shape, and it will be interesting to see what the future brings. The population is projected to be half of the size of Tuscany, so this will be a substantial new development. If you'd like to know more, go to the City of Calgary's website and search for South Bears paw Area Structure Plan.

Please email me at president@tuscanyca.org with questions or concerns.

- Kelli Taylor, President

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"It's fine to celebrate success, but it is more important to heed the lessons of failure."

Bill Gates

3rd Annual Tuscany Harvest Festival

All Tuscany residents are invited to attend the **3rd Annual Tuscany Harvest Festival** on **Saturday, September 20 at 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**, with Lawn Chair Theatre to follow at 2:30. Once again this year, the event will take place in the fields just north of Twelve Mile Coulee School. Admission is free to Tuscany Residents, but we encourage you to bring a non-perishable food donation for the InterFaith Food Bank. Parking will be limited, so please consider walking, biking, or taking transit when you come. We look forward to seeing you there!

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2014 Harvest Festival Colouring Contest

Colour this page and bring it to The Co-operators- Agnew Insurance tent at the Harvest Festival to be entered in a drawing for an exciting prize!



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Our Schools

Twelve Mile Coulee School

Outdoor Fitness Area Update

We are working hard to make the TMC Outdoor Fitness Area a reality! *Park N Play* has been chosen to design and equip this area, and we are hoping to complete the fitness area by September 2015. Our project budget is just under \$340,000, and we have raised about \$75,000 in cash and in kind donations. As we will not have a casino for another 24 months and new home builders have mostly left the neighborhood, we need community support to help this project come to fruition.

Our Alberta Government *CFEP* grant application has been withdrawn for now under their advisement, until we raise more capital. It was recommended we apply for the December 16 – March 15 application deadline and have a solid fundraising plan in place. Hon. Sandra Jansen, MLA, is supporting this project and has written a letter of support for our next *CFEP* grant application to the Minister of Culture.

The Tuscany Community Association's application to the *Amateur Sport Grant* through the Parks Foundation Calgary has been tabled until November, at which time the Foundation will make a decision. They are seeking letters of support for this project from Amateur Sport organizations, which we are currently seeking. Please contact me if you can help. This grant has a potential of \$125,000 for this project.

Crowfoot COBS Bread will continue to donate 5% of any purchase to this project until the end of this calendar

year when you mention Twelve Mile Coulee School fundraiser at the time of your purchase. *Tuscany Sobeys* continues their "add-a-dollar" campaign at their tills, until September 2014, at which time we will re-evaluate—to date we have raised \$1,627. Thank you for your kind support!

We have received some generous cash and in-kind donations, and we continue to look for more. Thank you to Dr. Cam Brauer and Dr. Scott Townsend from *Tuscany Dental* (\$1000), *Burnco* (5 cubic meters of concrete, with a contractor's rate for the remaining 8 cubic meters), *Veresen Inc.* (\$3000), *Ultimate Edge Concrete* (\$5750 in kind), *Concert Infrastructure Ltd.* (\$2500 commitment), *MDC Property Services Ltd* (\$1000), *Blue Grass Nursery* (\$600 and *Rainbow Play System* for raffle), *Kalaidoscope Preschool* (\$1000), and to many community members for their personal donations. Your generosity will help us make this project a reality.

Twelve Mile Coulee School students will be selling Entertainment Books from September 3 – 16. Books will sell for \$40, and 40% will go towards school council and the TMC Outdoor Fitness Area. Look for students selling in your area, or contact me directly to arrange purchasing a book. We are also considering a Sobeys gift card sale in November and early spring—stay tuned for more details.

We will also be hosting a raffle/steak night at the Last Straw Ale House on November 8—tickets will be available at the Harvest Festival on September 20, located behind Twelve Mile Coulee School on the TMC Outdoor Fitness Area site. Tickets will be \$20, with a one in 1400 chance to

win. First prize will be two round-trip tickets anywhere WestJet flies and second prize will be a Rainbow Play System from *Blue Grass Nursery*, with a estimated value of \$3000. The remaining prize packages are: two whitewater rafting tickets from *Chinook Rafting*, two adult lift tickets to *Sunshine Ski Area*, a music package from *Crowfoot Music Makers*, a *Coach* fragrance gift set valued at \$150, a delicious box of *Bernard Callebaut* chocolates, a *Schanks* entertainment package, a \$75 gift certificate from *Tony Roma's*, \$150 from *Community Natural Foods*, \$100 from *Tuscany Home Depot*, a gift basket from *Crowfoot Wine and Spirits*, \$50 gift card to *Safeway Liquor and Wine*, \$50 gift card to *Sunnyside Nurseries*, a gift basket from *Crowfoot Tim Hortons*, and \$25 from *North Sea Fish Market*. Stay tuned further details.

We are looking for fundraising committee members that have experience with successful grant applications and fundraising expertise. Please contact me if you can give a hand, have any questions, or would like to make a donation toward this project. Thank you for your continued support, and have a wonderful summer!

- Pam Mylrea, TMC Outdoor Fitness Committee Chair;
TMCOutdoorFitnessCommittee@gmail.com

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

Our Schools

Tuscany School Council



The new school year starts on Tuesday, September 2. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer, and we are excited for another great school year! We would also like to welcome our new Principal, Ms. Cindy White.

Tuscany School Council would like to remind all Tuscany Community members to be especially careful about traffic safety as our students head back to school. Please keep an eye out for extra pedestrian and bike traffic in our community. If you are driving your students to school, please be mindful of the parking rules near the school. Additionally, we would like to remind everyone that the City of Calgary has recently changed playground zone and school zone hours to 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

There will be a Welcome Back Breakfast for all Tuscany School students at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 5. More information will be provided during the first week of school.

The first School Council meeting of the year will be on Thursday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gathering space. All Tuscany School parents are invited to attend—these meetings are a great way to find out more about the school and ask any questions you may have! Hope to see you there!

St. Sylvester



Bonjour from the staff and students of Ecole St. Sylvester! Welcome back to the new school year. We hope that everyone had a fun filled summer! We are excited to welcome our new school principal, Ms. Patricia Whimster. Ms Whimster previously taught at St Sylvester and was also the Vice Principal of Madeleine d'Houet School.

We have an exciting month ahead of us. Ecole St. Sylvester will celebrate the welcoming back of all students by hosting a school picnic on September 11. This is a great time for new families to get acquainted with fellow parents, classmates and teachers.

Important dates to mark:

- First day of school: September 2
- First day of class for Kindergarten: September 10
- School picnic: September 11
- Parent/teacher conference (no school): September 12
- Opening mass: St. Peter's, September 17

École St. Sylvester School is a place where caring, respect, responsibility, trust, and family are taught and lived! Registration for Kindergarten and Grade 1 is ongoing throughout the year. All parents who are interested in French immersion are encouraged to register their children at our wonderful school 403-500-2063.

- Tanya Wittewaall

Sports

Bow Ridge Little League Baseball



The Annual General Meeting for Bow Ridge Little League is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 21, 2014 at the Tuscany Club, 212 Tuscany Way NW. All parents and volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend, whether you are interested in making a difference by volunteering for an open position, hearing the 2014 reports from Board Members, or voting to elect the 2015 Board. For more information, please contact admin@bowridgebaseball.com or visit www.bowridgebaseball.com.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who contributed to a successful 2014 BRLL baseball season, both on and off the field. Ongoing operations depend on the collective effort of everyone, from coordinators and advisors running the organization to coaches, field assistants, and scorekeepers running practices and games, and to concession and casino volunteers helping to keep the registration fees down. And of course, a big thank you goes out to the parents for bringing your kids out to play ball!

Back to SCHOOL

In Our Community

Northwest LRT Update

Tuscany CTrain Station is Open!

As of August 25, the new station, bus terminals, and Park and Ride lots are now open, and bus service is in operation to Tuscany Station. Please see www.calgarytransit.com for more information on bus and train service. Landscaping work still remains to be done around the station and in the Park and Ride lots, which should be completed this fall.

Reserved Parking

Calgary Transit is implementing Reserved Parking at Tuscany Station. Those who already have Reserved Parking or were on a wait list at Crowfoot, Dalhousie, or Brentwood were emailed about their interest in parking at Tuscany in July. Those who have responded and have registered in Transit's system with an address from Tuscany/Rocky Ridge/Royal Oak were given priority to sign up for Reserved Parking at Tuscany Station.

Now that the station is open, the usual Reserved Parking system will be followed. If you are interested in Reserved Parking at Tuscany Station, please visit www.calgarytransit.com, click on Reserved Parking, and follow the instructions.

Residential Parking

The residential parking restriction zones have been established for these areas. Anyone interested in restricting parking needs to call 311 to ask for a petition. Residents choose restrictions on hours, days, times – 80% of people in the area must sign the petition. Please visit Calgary.ca for more information.

After the new station has been open for a while, it may be easier

to determine if a parking restriction is needed. Requests for residential parking restrictions in front of a condo complex must come through the property manager. Condo residents should consult their property manager to create/change residential parking restrictions. However, the decision is left to management to act in behalf of residents.

Eamon's Building and Sign

The sign has now been returned to the North Park and Ride in the drop off area. The building is still in a temporary storage location. The utilities for the building have been installed. It will be moved back, if and when a suitable vendor is found. A leasing opportunity to determine a use for the building, if and when it is returned to the site, remains posted on The City's web site.

Thank You to Community Consultation Committee

During the design phase of this project, a Community Consultation Committee (CCC) representing the communities of Rocky Ridge, Royal Oak, and Tuscany, plus representatives from the project team and Ward Councillors, provided feedback to The City on topics related to the development of the station. In addition, residents provided feedback on the proposed designs at several information sessions held during the design phase. The CCC continued to meet during the construction phase.

The City of Calgary would like to thank the CCC for their participation in the design process. Their input helped to create a better design for everyone. The City would also like to thank residents for their patience during the construction process and for their input on the design at Open Houses.

Public Art at the Station

The public art piece for Tuscany Station has been awarded to Bill Pechet, a Vancouver artist who was at the opening event to talk about his piece. Please visit Calgary.ca/publicart to learn more about this artwork. The artwork will be installed in spring 2015.

The Automated Public Toilet (APT) will have a public art piece. A local artist has been hired to paint the two sides of the APT.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) is being launched in the fall to create an artwork with involvement from the community. More information will follow from The City of Calgary's Public Art Program about the scope of this project.

Please contact www.calgarytransit.com for information on Transit services, such as bus or train schedules and station maintenance. Please visit www.calgary.ca/nwlrt for information on the project.

Residential Parking Zones & Permits

The City of Calgary's Residential Parking Permit Program helps communities manage traffic and parking needs in high-demand areas. In anticipation of the opening of Tuscany CTrain Station, The City has established a number of residential parking zones in the communities of Rocky Ridge/Royal Oak and Tuscany.

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Residential Parking Zones & Permits *continued*

Here's what you need to know about the new residential parking zones:

The City has established the zones, now you have to request the signs for your block

Streets that are north of Tuscany Blvd NW and north/east of Tuscany Way NW have been zoned for Residential Parking (see the map at www.tuscanyca.org/files/ResidentialParking.pdf). If you live within the zone area, you can request restricted parking signs for your block by calling 311 or submitting an online service request. A Residential Parking petition will be mailed to you. Please note that if you live in a condo building, requests must go through the property manager.

Talk to your neighbours

Residents can request “2 Hour Parking” or “No Parking Except by Permit” signs. At least 80% of the residents on your block must support the proposed parking restrictions. You will need to collect signatures for the petition from each supportive neighbour.

Now it's back to us

Mail the completed petition back to The City. We'll review the paperwork, and our crews will install the requested parking signs on your block. Once the signs are in place, they must remain for at least 18 months before any changes can be made. The Calgary Parking Authority will monitor compliance.



The permit system exempts residents from posted parking restrictions

Contact the Calgary Parking Authority to get the appropriate parking permits. Each household will receive permits based on the type of dwelling (single family homes receive two permits). The parking permits will be linked to your individual automobile licence plate and registered to your address. Additional permits can be purchased from the Calgary Parking Authority for \$50 each.

Need more information?

Visit Calgary.ca and search “Residential Parking Permits” for more information about this program.

- *City of Calgary, Transportation Department—Roads Unit*

Councillor's Report

Open House - Proposed New Access from Crowchild Trail

With the closure of Rocky Ridge Road at Crowchild Trail, the communities of Rocky Ridge and Royal Oak asked for The City of Calgary to provide an alternative access to the communities. In particular, Royal Oak residents requested a solution to the traffic congestion problems along the 85th interchange and Country Hills Boulevard.

In response, the Transportation Department developed a proposed design that will improve community access for both the short and long term, while meeting proper design standards for the Crowchild Trail expressway. Please note that this proposal is just that—a suggestion to put forward to residents for consideration. The City is seeking feedback from Ward 1 and Ward 2 residents as to whether or not the community wants a new access from Crowchild Trail.

The intent of an additional access is to improve traffic flow, alleviate congestion at the other access points, add sidewalks and parking, and support redevelopment of some of the LRT station area lands. City staff have examined several alternatives and determined that a right-in off of Crowchild Trail (westbound) will provide a direct and cost-effective connection to the communities. The proposed design includes a single lane off of westbound Crowchild Trail, short of the existing Twelve Mile Coulee Road intersection.

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Councillor's Report *continued*

Additional project components include the upgrading of Eamon Road to a collector road standard, new sidewalks, and connections to the existing trail and regional pathway in the area.

City staff, Councillor Joe Magliocca, and I invite you to a community open house in the fall to view and provide your thoughts on the proposed design as well as discuss how the road is implemented to minimize impacts for residents, commuters, and other stakeholders in the area. Following the open house, if the community requests to move forward, a detailed design phase will follow that will take into account the input generated at the open house. If the project is supported by the communities, detailed design would be commenced later this year.

The location and date of the open house is TBD and will be posted on our website, newsletter, as well as road signs.

Changes to School and Playground Zone Times

In effect immediately, playground zone times are now 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., year round. School zones are in effect from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., only during school days. Calgary Police will enforce the new times on September 2, 2014.

The change will increase safety in areas that children frequent and also will eliminate confusion between the previously different start and end times for playground and school zones. A report given to committee suggests that in pedestrian collisions where a vehicle travels 50 km/h, the victim

has a 20 per cent chance of survival. *Reduce the speed by 20 kilometers and the likelihood that one will survive jumps to 90 per cent.*

I am aware that some residents feel that children are not present at schools or playgrounds in the late evening, particularly in the winter. I would like to note that schools are often rented out in the evenings for youth-related activities, and there are many outdoor rinks that are used during the evening. Furthermore, setting straightforward and consistent playground and school zones hours will improve safety for both pedestrians and motorists.

- Ward Sutherland

Clean Up Your Community with a Little TLC

The Litter Cleanup (TLC) kit contains all the basic necessities for individuals or groups to host their own cleanups:



Each kit is a bag containing:

- 10 garbage bags,
- 10 pairs of gloves,
- hand sanitizer,
- info/instruction card, and
- thank you gift of native flower seeds

For more information, visit calgary.ca/tlckits or contact 311.

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City Census

The 2014 Census results are in.

For more information, contact 403-476-4100 or census@calgary.ca or visit www.calgary.ca/census or www.calgary.ca/geodemographics.

- Anne Burke

Community	Population	Dwellings
Arbour Lake	10,987	3,931
Citadel	10,391	3,482
Evanston	10,030	3,644
Hamptons	7,775	2,473
Hawkwood	9,773	3,331
Kincora	5,398	1,808
Nolan Hill	550	258
Ranchlands	7,926	3,059
Royal Oak	11,650	4,078
Sage Hill	3,900	1,603
Sherwood	3,778	1,228
Rocky Ridge	8,182	3,082
Scenic Acres	8,595	2,923
Silver Springs	8,900	3,528
Tuscany	19,465	6,504
Valley Ridge	5,518	1,904
Varsity	12,553	5,738

Did You Know?

Every day, 400,000 babies are born and 140,000 people die.

In Our Community



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- A healthier and more enjoyable community through the provision of community sports and recreation activities like soccer – your membership contributes to the costs of operation
- Insurance coverage to participate in Community Association organized sports, such as soccer
- Up-to-date information about issues affecting you and the community through the Tuscany Sun and our website
- Effective representation and advocacy to external third parties about issues of concern to the community, including public health and safety, development and the natural environment
- Maintenance and preservation of the natural environment, including Twelve Mile Coulee
- A safer community through our advocacy on traffic and other safety issues
- Pride and a sense of community through participation in community activities

*YES! I would like to become a member of
the Tuscany Community Association*

**Go to www.TuscanyCA.org to register online
for your membership today!**

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Your Tuscany Community Association

The TCA is a non-profit organization run by a core group of volunteers who are committed to the needs and constructive development of Tuscany and its community. The TCA has a broad mandate to represent the community to external stakeholders, such as the City, and to provide community sports programs. We also have an emphasis to preserve and protect the natural environments in Tuscany.

This year, the TCA is focusing its efforts on three broad goals: community cohesiveness, traffic safety, and the development of youth programs in Tuscany. If you would like to participate in the development and implementation of these goals, the TCA is always looking for committed volunteers.

For more information, contact president@tuscanyca.org or go to our website at www.tuscanyca.org.



Tuscany club



Tuscany RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Tuscany Club is operated by the Tuscany Residents Association (TRA) as a private recreation facility for the exclusive use of its members. For more about the TRA, visit the FAQ section at www.tuscany-connect.com.

Address

Tuscany Residents Association
212 Tuscany Way NW
T3L 2J6

Contact

403-241-6402 or tuscanyclub@shaw.ca

Regular Hours of Operation

Park and Facility Hours*:

Mon. to Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
(all activities end at 9:45 p.m.)

Office Hours:

Mon. to Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
(closed 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)

*office closed September 1 for Labour Day

Access to the Tuscany Club

If you are new to Tuscany or have moved within the community, please read this!

- All new residents must visit the Tuscany Club office to register their home and be eligible for TRA benefits, such as accessing the park and taking part in programs and events.
- If you move within Tuscany, you must also visit the office to update your account to remain current.

- Tenants must complete a transfer of privileges form from the homeowner to gain Tuscany Club privileges.
- Add your children to your account so they can enjoy our great programs.
- Update your email address to stay informed about Tuscany Club happenings.

Tuscany Club Features

Check out the current program guide online at www.tuscany-connect.com or pick up a copy at the Tuscany Club. We offer family special events plus sports, fitness, and recreation programs for preschoolers to seniors.

- Gymnasium
- Fitness and dance studio
- Outdoor basketball court
- Banquet and meeting rooms
- Summer skatepark
- Winter outdoor hockey rink + skating oval
- Grass volleyball court
- Wading pool and splash fountain
- Playground
- 2 outdoor tennis courts

Rent Rooms at the Tuscany Club

We have spaces available for receptions, banquets, birthday parties, seasonal events, club and business meetings, and more! Contact us for info on spaces to fit your needs, prices, and available dates, or come in for a tour.

- Available exclusively to TRA members.
- Tables and chairs included with rental – also includes access to kitchen facilities.
- Gym can be rented at designated times on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.
- For more information, email customerservice.tuscany@shaw.ca or call 403-241-6402.

September Events & Notices

Fall Program Registration NOW OPEN!

The TRA Fall Program came out in August and registration is ongoing.

Review the guide at www.tuscany-connect.com, and register online through your account for our variety of sports, theatre + dance, fitness, enrichment, and recreation programs for preschoolers to youth to adult. For more information or help registering for any programs, email the Recreation Manager at clubprograms@shaw.ca. Our Fall 1 session runs September and October, while the Fall 2 session starts in November and goes until Christmas. Sign up is open now for all programs!

Fall Used Toy & Clothing Sale September 6, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Admission is free to the public, so bring your family and friends to this huge and always popular event with 44 tables full of toys, clothing, equipment, and accessories for infants to older youth.



TRA Home Business Expo October 25

This annual event is a great way for TRA members to showcase their home-based businesses to the community. Registration opens September 15 at the Tuscany Club and is available only to TRA residents in good standing. Exhibit space is \$25, limit one per household.

Dayhome Directory

The TRA publishes a Dayhome Directory that lists available daycare options within Tuscany. Any member is welcome to be listed in the directory and can do so by emailing their posting to clubprograms@shaw.ca. Looking for a dayhome? Check the listings at www.tuscany-connect.com under Marketplace, or pick up a copy at the Tuscany Club office.

Contact the Recreation Manager at clubprograms@shaw.ca for more information about TRA programs and events.

In Our City

Book Recommendations

***The Keeper of Lost Causes*, by Jussi Adler-Olsen**

Following the success of other Scandinavian authors, Denmark's best-selling crime writer makes his American debut with this first novel. Carl Morck is the only detective and head of Department Q, a new section of the Copenhagen Police, dedicated to resolving Denmark's most notorious unsolved crimes. Morck has lost his friends, his health, and his spirit in a recent shooting where one of his brother officers was killed and the other paralyzed. His first case is to investigate the disappearance of a popular politician. After five years, everyone assumes she is dead, but Morck and his assistant, Assad, who has his own political past to protect, begin to unravel her secrets. Far from being just another morose Nordic crime writer, Adler-Olsen creates a detective whose curiosity is as active as his soul is tortured. The villain is a monster and the crime horrendous, but readers will root for the victim and for the belabored Department Q. This absorbing psychological thriller is recommended not only for fans of Henning Mankell, Jo Nesbo, and Stieg Larsson, but for true crime aficionados who might like to try fiction. The pages fly by as the twisty puzzle unfolds.

***Willful Blindness: Why We Ignore the Obvious at Our Peril*, by Margaret Heffernan**

A thoughtful and entertaining treatise on the seductiveness—and consequences—of ignoring what's right in front of our eyes. We frequently ignore painful or frightening truths, subconsciously believing that denial can protect us, but our delusions make us even more

vulnerable, and whatever suffering we chose to ignore continues unabated. The author draws examples from the private (Bernie Madoff's family's blindness to his Ponzi scheme; a woman married to an alcoholic; another unable to see her husband is sexually abusing her daughter) to the public (Alan Greenspan ignoring the housing bubble; a soldier working for Hitler). She gives an insightful look into the psychology of denial and makes an ethical and pragmatic argument for engagement rather than deflection. Heffernan's cogent riveting look at how we behave at our worst encourages us to strive for our best.

Crowfoot Library

Programs for Children and Youth

- **LinkFest: Connecting-Community-Family:** Oct. 3, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Grandparents Family Storytime:** Sept. 7, 2:00 – 2:30 p.m. Ages 2 – 5 with parent/caregiver.
- **Coder Dojo:** Saturdays, Sept. 20 to Dec. 6, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Ages 7-9.
- **Drop-in Family Storytime:** Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. and Saturdays 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver.



Programs for Adults

- **How to Do Contract Work:** Sept. 6 and 13, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Participants must attend both workshop sessions.
- **Career Coaching:** Saturdays, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
- **Spanish Conversation Club:** Tuesdays, Sept. 16 to Oct. 21, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

- **Canoeing Southern Alberta:** Sept. 17, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- **Film Night:** Sept. 18, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Call 403-221-4122 for details.



Bowness Library

Programs for Kids

- **Drop-in Family Storytime:** Fridays, 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. Ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver.
- **Parent-Child Mother Goose:** Tuesdays, Sept. 9 to Oct. 28, 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. or 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Ages up to 12 months with a parent/caregiver.
- **Parent-Child Mother Goose:** Tuesdays, Sept. 23 to Dec. 9, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Ages up to 3 years with a parent/caregiver. Register by calling 403-717-3975 or email Ready4Learning.Lisa@gmail.com.

Programs for Adults

- **CPO in Your Library:** September 24, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- **Career Coaching and Computer Technology Coaching:** Saturdays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- **Adult Book Club:** Sept. 21, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- **Talk by Two - Early Communication Development:** Sept. 24, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Register by calling 403-955-1300.
- **eBook Doctor:** Sept. 27, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
- **Brain Health:** Sept. 29, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Visit www.calgarypubliclibrary.com for more information on these programs. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

In Our City

Back-to-School Safety

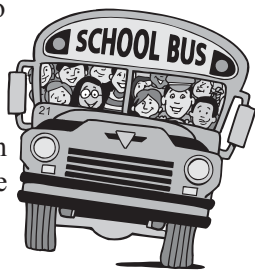
Alberta Health Services EMS would like to remind parents and students about some basic road safety tips, especially as streets become more congested with the return of the school year. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play—road safety is a shared responsibility.

Motorists:

- Always avoid talking on cell phones, texting, or any other behavior that diverts your attention away from driving.
- Give right of way to pedestrians crossing at crosswalks or who are waiting to cross from a street corner.
- Remember, it is illegal to pass vehicles, other than parked vehicles, in school zones or playground zones during posted hours.

Around School Buses:

- Flashing amber lights mean a bus is slowing down to stop. Motorists should do likewise.
- No matter which direction you are coming from, STOP when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights, unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you.
- Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.



- Make eye contact with all drivers before crossing the street.
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause before stepping off the curb to ensure motorists in both directions have come to a complete stop.
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the 'walk' sign and only when all cars have come to a complete stop.

- If you are with young children or pets, hold your child's hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when crossing.
- Remember: children learn by observing. By demonstrating safe crossing habits, you can reduce the chances of your child being involved in a preventable auto/pedestrian collision.

- Alberta Health Services

eGovernment Plan

The use of digital technology to connect, communicate, and engage City of Calgary staff and the public is part of a plan to help our city become more open, and the Digital Strategy will direct an eGovernment (eG) Action Plan (2015-2018).

The current eG program will be coming to an end. Council appointed seven members to the eG Committee to further develop the City's strategies and plans. The terms were set to two years and will expire in October 2014.

Following appointment by Council in October 2012, the eG Committee met 9 times. At the initial meeting, the eG Committee identified 5 major themes at the core of eG in Calgary, and these themes formed the basis for the eG Digital Strategy:

1. transparency and open data;
2. e-Services – citizen-focused design and access;
3. engagement and participating in governance;
4. city workplace (culture, measures and performance); and
5. partnerships.

The current eG Program is funded through the Web Initiative Capital (Program 744). The investment in eG is \$8 million. The current expense is \$6.1 million, and the estimated carry-forward into 2015 is \$800,000.

Going forward, a capital budget request will be submitted as part of the 2015-2018 Action Plan. The request for capital is \$2.M over four years (\$500,000/year).

- Anne Burke

Pedestrians:

- Cross at marked crosswalks or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions.

"If you want a thing done well, do it yourself."

Napoleon Bonaparte

In Our City

Nuit Blanche Calgary

The 2014 Nuit Blanche Calgary event is taking place on 20 September 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The Nuit Blanche Calgary Society is a non-profit organization that presents a free, sunset-to-late-night, contemporary performance art festival every two years.

The first Nuit Blanche Calgary festival took place back in September 2012, and it literally transformed Calgary's Olympic and Municipal Plazas, in the heart of downtown Calgary, into a full-scale civic art gallery for more than 10,000 viewers for over 8 hours.

At our last event, the city's downtown came alive with unforgettable live performance art produced by local and internationally known performance artists doing remarkable, unique installations. This year, we aim to achieve and surpass the last event. We want to connect with as many communities in and around Calgary as possible so that they can attend this awe inspiring and free event.

For more information, please visit our website at www.nuitblanchecalgary.ca.

Silver Springs Outdoor Pool Foundation

What a Summer!

Our Swimathon on July 20 was a huge success. Fifty incredible swimmers, aged 3 to 17, raised nearly \$14,000 to save the Silver Springs Dive Tank! We would like to thank our generous sponsors: Swimco for providing goggles and swim caps to all participants, Amaranth for the post-swim food for our athletes, and Sam Hustej for leading the warm up. Thanks also to all of our volunteers who counted lanes, greeted swimmers, and helped keep everything on track, and thanks so much to the kids who worked so hard to save their tank and their families and friends for all of their encouragement!

More than 100 runners and walkers of all ages raised over \$2,000 at the Ironside Fitness/Running Room Fun Run to Save the Dive Tank on July

27 in beautiful Baker Park. Thanks to Charmaine Ironside, Sam Hustej, and all of their incredible volunteers for making this such a well-organized and positive event!

We would also like to thank Calgary Foundation for supporting the celebrations at the Pool on Canada Day, the Teen Night and the End of Summer Splash, as well as Parks Foundation Calgary for their ongoing support.

Watch for other events to support the fundraising effort through the fall and winter. Remember to contact us at ssopff@shaw.ca if you have connections to corporate donors and private funding organizations who might be interested in saving the Silver Springs Dive Tank.

Seniors Age Friendly

The publication *Building Age-Friendly Communities: A Guide for Local Action* (Government of Alberta, 2012)



identifies the following steps necessary to develop age-friendly initiatives:

1. establish an Age-Friendly Committee;
2. have a resolution passed by the local government;
3. conduct an age-friendly assessment of the community; and
4. develop and implement an action plan.

The population of Calgary is aging. Between 2012 and 2042, the population aged 65+ is expected to triple from approximately 100,000 to over 300,000 Calgarians, shifting from 10% to 20% of the total population (Trends 2014, Community Wellbeing). Similarly, the number of people aged 75+ years is expected to increase from 50,000 to 150,000 over the same period. By the early 2030s, for the first time in history, Calgary will be home to more seniors than youth.

City Council directed City staff to report back through the Committee on Community and Protective Services with a Seniors Age-Friendly Strategy and implementation plan, and a progress report, no later than June 2015.

Council also directed City staff to finalize the shared vision, principles, and goals with a report to the same Committee by December 10, 2014.

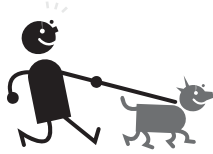
- Anne Burke

In Our City

Ensuring the Safety of People and Pets

Responsibilities of dog owners in off-leash areas:

- Dogs are allowed to be off-leash only in designated off-leash areas. Even in off-leash areas, dogs must be on leash in the parking lot and on the pathways. All of Calgary's pathways are strictly on-leash areas.



- In an off-leash area, owners must ensure that their dog is under control at all times. This means that the dog must remain at such a distance from his owner so as to respond to voice, sound, or sight commands. It also means that the dog must not chase, threaten, or attack people or animals.

Responsibilities of dog owners on pathways:

- Owners must have their dog secured by a leash no longer than two metres.
- Owners must ensure that their dog remains on the right-hand side of the pathway unless moving around other users.
- Owners must ensure that their dog remains under control at all times

and does not interfere with other users.

- Owners must not lead any animal by leash while they are on a bicycle, skateboard, or rollerblades.

Responsibilities of dog owners in other public spaces:

- Owners must not leave their dog unattended while tethered or tied on premises accessible to the public.

Responsibilities of dog owners on private properties:

- Owners must ensure that their dog is not left unsupervised while tethered or tied on a private property.

For more information, visit www.calgary.ca and search "Responsible Pet Ownership."

- City of Calgary,
Animal and Bylaw Services

Littering: Partnering with Calgarians to Keep Calgary Clean

Animal & Bylaw Services wants to continue to foster its partnership with Calgarians to help keep our public and private spaces clean, safe, and free of garbage and debris.

Community spirit is a strong force in our city. Thank you to everyone who continues to support and demonstrate strength and community pride!

We encourage all Calgarians to continue contributing to their neighbourhoods by keeping their properties tidy, using proper receptacles to dispose of waste, and picking up litter.

Another way to foster safe, clean, and healthy communities is to get involved in a Community Cleanup. The schedule of Community Cleanups can be found on our website www.calgary.ca/cleanup.

Be sure to report any litter infractions or waste concerns by contacting 311.

Littering offences are covered under the *Street Bylaw (20M88)* and the *Parks and Pathways Bylaw (20M2003)*:

- Litter or waste must not be left, or disposed of, except in receptacles provided for waste disposal.
- No person shall dispose of litter or waste from a vehicle.
- No person shall leave or dispose of litter or waste that is burning (e.g., cigarettes).

Fines

- Littering: \$500.00
- Littering from a vehicle: \$750.00
- Disposing of burning litter: \$1,000.00

Burning litter, as we all know, can become a safety concern, and any litter and waste can have a negative impact on our city, if not disposed of properly.

Thank you to all Calgarians for your continued hard work and the pride that you take in our city.

- City of Calgary,
Animal and Bylaw Services

**"Today was good.
Today was fun.
Tomorrow is another
one."**

Dr. Seuss

In Our City

Calling All Youth

Are you between the ages of 12 and 19 and interested in learning the skills of flying and leadership? Are you looking to make new friends while learning other valuable skills? Then Air Cadets might just be the youth program you are looking for.

952 WestJet Squadron is a new Air Cadet squadron in Northwest Calgary and Cochrane area. Regular parades (meetings) are held Thursday evenings from 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. Be prepared to spend several fun weekends throughout the year completing a number of activities, including training, tours, survival, and gliding.

Air Cadets follow the military tradition of wearing uniforms, and we form a team which prides itself on leadership and citizenship qualities, physical fitness, and knowledge of the air activities of the Canadian Forces.

Westjet Squadron is focused on training and equipping youth with the knowledge, behaviours, and skills necessary to become modern leaders in today's society, as well as preparing them for success during their cadet membership in an enriching and challenging environment.

Cadets also participate in fun activities, such as gliding, flying, camping, and survival training, and they get the chance to travel and have summer employment opportunities. There are scholarships and bursaries available, and some provinces even offer school credits for participation. We also have opportunities for parents and adults to volunteer as officers and civilian instructors.

952 Westjet Squadron will be holding a membership drive on September 11, 2014. Come to our meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Springbank Heritage Club (244168 Range Road 33, 0.75 km south of Calaway Park). Remember to come with your birth certificate,

Alberta Health Care card, and your parent or guardian.

For more information, please visit our website (www.952aircadets.ca), like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/WestJetRCACS), or give us a call at 587-777-9520.

Host a Community Walk-through to Battle Graffiti Vandalism



Graffiti vandalism is figures, letters, drawings, or stickers applied, scribbled, scratched, etched, sprayed, or attached on or to the surface of any premises, structure, or other property. It can be done by a variety of methods including spray paint, markers, etching, and pens, to name a few. Graffiti done without the owner's permission is vandalism and is a crime carrying serious consequences. Graffiti vandalism needs to be reported to 311. If graffiti vandalism is not removed quickly, this inaction may be interpreted as a sign of low neighborhood pride, and graffiti vandalism will spread to other buildings, streets, and properties.

Many communities have walking groups already set up to promote neighbours knowing neighbours, community engagement, and living healthy lives! You and some neighbours could dedicate a walk to identifying graffiti throughout the community on public and private property.

There are two ways of reporting graffiti during or after a walk:

1. Have everyone on the walk bring their camera and carry a clipboard to record graffiti to report online or through calling 3-1-1 later.
2. Use the Calgary 3-1-1 Reporting App on their smart phones.

It is important to record as much information as possible, and be sure to take photos of the vandalism. If possible, identify 'hot spots' in your neighbourhood to address.

For more information visit calgary.ca/graffiti.

- *Federation of Calgary Communities Building Safe Communities Program*

Your Family

Half of Parents Worry Their Kid Is a Cyberbully

It's hard to picture happy, well-adjusted, or even popular kids transforming into children who bully when they log into their social media accounts or check their email.

Nonetheless, new polling data from the Protecting Canadian Families Online survey reveals that nearly half of Canadian parents are worried their child could be bullying other children online.

The online survey, which polled parents of children between ages 8 and 16 who have Internet access at home, was conducted by Leger, on behalf of Primus Telecommunications Canada.

"It's deeply concerning that 52 per cent of parents are worried that their child may be cyberbullying others," says Primus spokesman and online safety advocate Brad Fisher. "Although cyberbullying is a relatively new phenomenon, it has very quickly become a serious concern for parents across the country."

Well-adjusted children and teens are responsible for half of all cyberbullying acts committed across the country, according to PREVNet, a national organization focused on cyberbullying prevention. This is partly due to the anonymity the online world affords them. "Given the anonymous nature of the Internet, we see young people acting in ways they would never consider when face-to-face," says Dr. Wendy Craig, scientific co-director of PREVNet.

"And since cyberbullying is such a complex issue, parents and children across the country and around the world need to seek out the skills to navigate the complexities of these online interactions. One of our goals is to provide the tools

needed to ensure that every interaction online is positive and safe."

Children and teenagers aren't the only targets of online bullying. According to the survey, one in 10 parents report being cyberbullied by friends and strangers.

Twenty-eight per cent of parents said that they were bullied on social media channels by someone they didn't know, while 14 per cent said the contact was by email. Of the parents who were cyberbullied by someone they knew, 18



per cent said it happened by email, and 15 per cent said it happened by text.

- News Canada

Tips to Get the Most Out of Your Child's Break Time

As your child transitions back into the school year, it is important to factor in break and relaxation times from their hectic school schedule. Breaks and maximizing playtime not only help with productivity levels and focus, but also with the physical and mental well-being of children. Here are three quick tips to ensure your child makes the most of break times:

Get in the kitchen: Instead of reaching for a quick, packaged snack, encourage and help your children take the time to prepare a healthy alternative. The time it will take to prepare something allows children to explore their creativity and unwind.

Get Active: One way to switch up activities is by discovering Leapfrog's



new LeapBand. As an activity tracker made for kids, the LeapBand accurately measures a child's activity and is an easy and fun way to improve their activity progress.

Enjoy time with friends and family: Leisurely activities, such as going for a walk, organizing a picnic, or a family game night, are all great

activities that can help children regain focus.

Making the most of break and relaxation times ensures that children are maximizing their productivity levels both inside and outside the classroom.

- News Canada, www.leapfrog.ca

Your Money

Challenged to Save Enough for a Down Payment?

Now there are Affordable Alternatives

In today's housing market, with average prices inching toward \$600,000 in some cities, saving for a down payment can be a real challenge. If you're a first-time homebuyer just starting out and trying to get a foothold in real estate, even saving the minimum 5% may seem out of reach.

Traditionally, none of the allowable sources for down payment were easy

to achieve. If you couldn't save the required amount, you could make a withdrawal from your RRSP (if you had enough and didn't mind impacting your retirement goals), get your parents to give you the amount with no expectation of repayment (lucky you to have parents like that!), or use your own sweat equity to cover up to half of the down payment (if you were capable of doing renovations and repairs yourself).

But fortunately, there are now more

attractive alternatives to consider. Talk to your local mortgage broker to see if you qualify for specialized products from Canada's leading mortgage insurers and alternative lenders that help put down payments within reach. Instead of insisting on traditional sources, these mortgage loans allow for more flexibility. Acceptable down payment sources include personal loans, lines of credit, credit cards, and lender cash back incentives.

Of course, if you borrow the amount, those payments must be included in your Total Debt Service calculations. And you're not allowed to use builder incentives or builder loans to cover your down payment. You also need to have a relatively clean credit record.

By taking advantage of these innovative new mortgage products, many people are able to achieve home ownership much earlier than would otherwise be possible. If you're interested in exploring the possibilities, give your mortgage broker a call.

- Tania Discombe, AMP

Technology Speeds Up Small Purchases

Years ago, we used to barter for goods and services. Today, paying for items is easier than ever because we can shop over the Internet using plastic or even pay using our smartphones.

One of the most popular new technologies are 'contactless' transactions, which allow consumers to pay for smaller value items effortlessly at checkout by simply holding their payment card over a specialized terminal. There's no need to enter a PIN or insert a card.

Interac Flash, for example, lets consumers pay for purchases up to \$100 by simply 'flashing' their card for a faster, online, real-time payment option for small everyday purchases. "It's based on the same chip technology as traditional debit transactions, meaning your money is safe," says Caroline Hubberstey, Head of External Affairs, Interac Association/Acxsys Corporation.

This technological advancement is beneficial to users, because it will speed up the transaction process at grocery stores, pharmacies, fast food restaurants, and other heavily trafficked destinations. Speeding up the payment process benefits both retailers and consumers.

Hubberstey says transactions are conducted securely using a number of cryptographic techniques that protect against skimming, counterfeiting, transaction replay types of fraud, and tactics such as electronic pick pocketing. The information being used to secure the Flash transactions can't be unwrapped or duplicated, making it useless to a criminal. There are transaction limits, and the terminals will randomly prompt cardholders to insert their cards and enter a PIN to ensure any card in the wrong hands cannot be used.

- News Canada
www.interacflash.ca



Travel & Destinations

Are You Feeling Under-Vacationed?

Canadians are feeling more stressed and less able to leave their work behind unveils Canada's leading online travel provider, *Expedia.ca*, in a revealing snapshot of its recent Vacation Deprivation survey.

This annual poll to determine the extent of our 'vacation deprivation' is based on the feeling that we don't get enough vacation days, or that we are not able to fully enjoy the vacation time we have available. The primary finding this year is that 48 per cent of Canadians report feeling vacation deprived, up from 40 per cent last year. Take a look at a few more eye-opening survey results:

Fewer vacation days are being used: On average, Canadians report they'll

take 15 days this year, down from 17 days last year.

Work gets in the way: Almost four in 10 respondents (37 per cent) say they have cancelled or postponed vacation plans because of work. Thirty-eight per cent say they “regularly” or “constantly” check work email and/or voicemail while on vacation—up from 27 per cent in 2013.

Vacations = happiness: 80 per cent of respondents associate vacationing with their overall happiness, and half as many (42 per cent) say they associate vacationing “a great deal” with their overall happiness (a 10 per cent increase from last year). Vacationing was chosen as the number one

experience for generating happiness (by 48 per cent of respondents), far more than finding money (16 per cent), getting a tax refund (13 per cent), being told you look younger than you are (8 per cent), or even celebrating your birthday (7 per cent).

Vacations are viewed as medicine for the body, mind, and soul: 93 per cent of respondents say they feel relaxed and rejuvenated when they get home from a vacation. 87 per cent say they feel closer to their partners or their family, and 78 per cent report being more focused at work after a vacation.

Bundle and save: With the help of online providers like Expedia.ca, Canadians can save money when travelling by bundling the flight and hotel together for savings of up to \$500.

- *News Canada*



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Tuscany Harvest Festival

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	1 LABOUR DAY	2	3	4	5	6 Fall Used Toy & Clothing Sale 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tuscany Club
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14 The Terry Fox Run Eau Claire Market www.terryfox.org	15	16	17	18 Walk A Mile in Her Shoes Olympic Plaza www.ywcaofcalgary.com	19 September 18 – 21 Calgary Home + Interior Design Show BMO Centre www.calgaryhds.com	20 Tuscany Harvest Festival 11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. Nuit Blanche Calgary Olympic & Municipal Plazas
21 Rock the House Run Market Mall ahomeawayfromhome.org	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Sep 29 – Oct 4 YY Comedy Festival Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium www.yycomedy.ca	30				