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In Our Community

TCA President's Report

I am very excited about the potential for the TCA Youth Council in Tuscany. Stacy Marks has made some great progress since joining us as a Youth Coordinator in September, and the possibilities seem endless. Half of her time will be spent developing programs at the Tuscany Club and the other half of the time will be dedicated to the TCA's Youth Council. To contact Stacy, please email her at youth@tuscanyca.org. Our Youth Council is open to all Tuscany residents who are in grades 7 – 12.

Plans for the next CBE K-4 school are on track to be built and open by September 2016. Some residents have been surprised to discover the location is the northwest corner of the green space along Tuscany Way NW at Tuscany Drive (north of Sobeys). The location of the parent drop-off zone is a major concern to the residents on Tuscany Ridge Common, and many have written letters to the City of Calgary, the CBE, and the Province to request this be reconsidered. As much as it is exciting to have another school built in Tuscany, we hope the plans for traffic and transportation will be safe for everyone.

There is a very exciting school network coming together in Tuscany—an initial meeting was held on Wednesday, October 8, and I am optimistic about the potential for what we can accomplish together. Thanks to Tally Nixon for pulling together representatives from all three schools and the TCA to work together to make our community an even better place to live. Health and safety representatives will join us in the future.

The TCA has re-applied for the Amateur Sport Grant, and we appreciate the letters of support offered by the Calgary Minor Soccer Association, West Valley Softball, Calgary West Soccer Club, KidSport Alberta, and Bow River Hockey Association to bolster our application. We hope to be successful in our application for \$125,000 in funding towards the Outdoor Fitness Area, which will be located along Tuscany Way NW near Twelve Mile Coulee School.

Fundraising continues for the Outdoor Fitness Area, with a Steak & Pint night scheduled for November 8 at the Last Straw Ale House. Tickets for that event are sold out! Raffle tickets are still available for \$25 each, and prizes include a Rainbow Play System valued at \$5195, two WestJet tickets valued at \$2800, and two gift packages worth over \$650 each. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets, please contact me at president@tuscanyca.org.

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TCA President's Report *continued*

Plans for the new Northwest Recreation Centre are taking shape at the northeast corner of Country Hills Boulevard and Rocky Ridge Road (north of Royal Oak). Stripping and grading is complete, and updates should appear in the Tuscany Sun on a regular basis as construction progresses.

The TCA board is a small group of dedicated residents who volunteer to make our community a great place to live and play. If you are interested in knowing more about what we do and about opportunities to get involved, please contact me at president@tuscanyca.org.

- Kelli Taylor, President

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Tuscany Youth Council

“Your Voice, Your Community, Your Choice”

If you want to get involved and speak out for youth in your community, then the Tuscany Youth Council is the perfect place for you. The council is open to any youth in grades 7-12. We meet every Friday afternoon from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. If you want to help plan events for your peers and help give back to the Tuscany Community, please email us at youth@tuscanyca.org.

Get involved today!

Tuscany Harvest Festival Wrap-Up



Photo by Stephanie Grunau

Our 3rd Annual Tuscany Harvest Festival was a huge success! Over 3,500 residents came out to enjoy a beautiful fall day, socialize with their neighbours, and donate (literally!) a truckload of food to the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank.

The Tuscany Community Association would like to extend a special thanks to Mayor Naheed Nenshi for dropping by our festival and speaking to Tuscany residents about his Three Things for Calgary and his Walking Challenge. We also had many City departments come out, such as the Calgary Police Service, Calgary Fire Department, Calgary Board of Education, and the Calgary Public Library who gave away free Library cards and renewals! The climbing wall and photo booth were exceptionally exciting attractions for the crowd attractions, and provided by the generosity our platinum sponsors.

If you have any suggestions regarding how we can improve, or things that you would like to see at next year's Harvest Festival, we want your feedback! Please send them to Jamie Neufeld at executiveadmin@tuscanyca.org.

Finally, thanks to each and every one of the estimated 3,500 residents that came out to the Harvest Festival—we hope to see you again next year!



Photo by John Neufeld

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Tuscany Harvest Festival Wrap-Up Photos by John Neufeld



In Our Community

CBE School DP Application Remarks

September 14, 2014

To: The City of Calgary
DP.Circ@calgary.ca
File Manager: Rafal Cichowlas
rafal.cichowlas@calgary.ca

Re: D.P. Number: DP2014-3975

The Tuscany Community Association (TCA) respectfully offers the following comments regarding the development permit application for 345 Tuscany Dr NW.

The Calgary Board of Education has accepted the TCA's invitation to share information with the community at our annual Harvest Festival, an event which will attract an estimated 3,000 residents. Many families are supportive of this school being built in the north part of Tuscany, and the location will allow many students who currently take the bus to walk to school. Less than a decade ago, we had no schools, and this school will mean area schools will accommodate the needs of the entire community from Kindergarten to grade 9.

In accordance with previous communication with the CBE, we appreciate that the structure is situated on the land in such a way as to maintain the play fields adjacent to the site. With many children in Tuscany, the green spaces are well used, and we requested the play fields be preserved, as possible.

The information package was not received until September 8th, so there was not enough time to call the adjacent neighbours together to present the information and to gather comments. We anticipate the

homeowners adjacent to the site have been notified directly by the City of Calgary or the CBE. If not, we request this occur before the application proceeds for approval.

As this school will share a green space with an Emergency Response Facility, please take into consideration the complexities of the individual needs and challenges of these unique facilities. Safety is our chief concern, especially that of the young children who will attend this school.

We have a particular concern with the location of the parent drop-off zone. The access to this area will be awkward, as vehicles will either drive a convoluted route through a quiet roadway, or will be required to do u-turns on Tuscany Ridge Common, which is a narrow street. In addition, the children will be dropped off near the school parking lot, and although they will not be allowed to walk through the parking lot, they may do so regardless, which is not safe.

We suggest the parent drop-off be re-located to Tuscany Way, where there is a spare lane on the roadway to pull over safely. This would also be more convenient for drivers from all directions, who could proceed directly south along Tuscany Way after dropping off students. Most children who live south of the school will attend Tuscany School, so vehicles traveling north on Tuscany Way are not a factor. We recommend a pathway be added between the sidewalk and the intended doorway for children to access the school.

A preferred alternative would be to locate the school on the NE corner of

this parcel of land, which would allow for more space between the school and the homes to the west of the property. This would also eliminate the need for a pathway to be added through the green space, if the parent drop-off zone is moved to the area east of the school.

An additional concern is the blind corner NW of the site, at the intersection of Tuscany Drive and Tuscany Ridge Common. If the parent drop-off zone remains along Tuscany Ridge Common, this area will be hazardous, as other vehicles proceed eastbound through the intersection. Also, the school bus zone is located just east of this intersection. The bus zone could be made more visible by adding road markings along the lane closest to the curb.

There is currently no traffic control at the intersection of Tuscany Way and Tuscany Drive. There are two intersections of these same roads in Tuscany, which can be confusing. We are referring to the "north" intersection. Please monitor this intersection to ensure a roundabout or traffic signal is installed at the appropriate time, as traffic is already becoming a concern at the intersection.

There are a few developments proceeding simultaneously in this neighbourhood, so please ensure the various departments are aware of the potential for challenges. Within a few months, a significant residential development will proceed just two blocks north of the school site. Tuscany Way will be widened to 4 lanes as a part of this development,

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CBE School DP Application Remarks *Continued*

which will add substantial construction traffic to this part of Tuscany. The Emergency Response Facility will also proceed before long, and is scheduled to be open by mid-2017, so construction traffic will continue to be a concern even once the school is open.

Moving along to the appearance of the school, we are curious to know more about what is planned for the upper floor. We see what is planned for below the sections indicated on the plans, but not what is to be built upstairs. This is a concern, as the upper area will add height to the structure, and will impact visibility for vehicles and adjacent homes.

We respectfully request the opportunity for Tuscany residents to offer feedback regarding the exterior colour scheme. As most homes in the neighbourhood were subject to architectural controls, more neutral tones are preferred. Realizing this school may move through the process in an expedited manner, if it is not possible for residents to be consulted, the TCA is willing to comment regarding exterior finishing choices. At the very least, please keep in mind the potential appearance of the fire hall, which will share this green space.

Finally although we are a relatively new community, there are some beautiful and valued trees along the perimeter of this green space. Anticipating that some of these trees will need to be removed, please consider replanting them, either in the remaining green space, or another location in Tuscany. During the

construction of another school in our community, it was disappointing to see healthy trees simply knocked down and discarded.

The TCA wishes to reiterate our concerns regarding construction traffic and future traffic volume along Tuscany Way and Tuscany Road. We strongly recommend the parent drop-off area be relocated to Tuscany Way, to the east of the site, and that a pedestrian pathway be added from Tuscany Way to the doors which are the intended student access to the school. It seems better for a number of reasons for the school to be built on the NE corner of this parcel.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this application.

Regards,
Kelli Taylor
President, Tuscany Community Association

cc: Councillor Ward Sutherland, Ward 1
CBE Trustee Chair Joy Bowen-Eyre
MLA Sandra Jansen
Group2 Architecture Interior Design,
Audrina Lim
TCA Board of Directors

"Is freedom anything else than the right to live as we wish? Nothing else."

Epictetus

Kaleidoscope Kids Helping Kids Water Project



The children at Kaleidoscope Kids Preschool are raising money to build a well in Africa, and we would like to invite the community to help reach our goal!

Sadly, 3.4 million people die each year due to the lack of clean water, most of which are children. Students are learning about the importance of clean water and conservation. They will learn through pictures, field reports, and letters from children helped by this project. Our goal is to raise \$12,000.

A \$23 donation will give a child clean water for a whole year! If you are able to donate, please visit thewaterproject.org/community/profile/kaleidoscope. We're collecting cans/bottles for recycling, and proceeds will be donated to the project. You can drop your items off at Kaleidoscope near Sobey's in the Tuscany Market.

It takes a village to raise a child, but a child won't survive without clean water—let's bring the village the water!

In Our Community

TMC Outdoor Fitness Area Raffle

TMC Outdoor Fitness Committee is hosting a raffle and steak/pint night at The Last Straw Ale House on November 8. Raffle tickets are \$25, with a 1 in 1800 chance to win. The draw for prizes will take place at 9:00 p.m. All proceeds go towards the building of the TMC Outdoor Fitness Area.



- Sunshine Village 2 Adult Lift Tickets (\$170)

Steak/Pint night tickets are \$20, of which \$10 will go toward this project. We are limited to 120 tickets.

We only have until November 8, and we need your help to get these tickets sold!

If you would like to purchase tickets, please look for us at Tuscany Sobey's

or at TMC school council meetings, or contact Tarrah Isaac or myself at TMCRAffle@gmail.com to arrange purchase or you can sign out and pick up raffle tickets to sell for us. Pretty please!

Thank you, and please contact me if you have any questions.

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

1st Draw: Rainbow Play System (retail \$5199)

2nd Draw: 2 round trip West Jet Tickets anywhere West Jet flies (retail \$2800)

3rd Draw: Gift Package 1 (retail \$705) which includes:

- Tony Roma's Gift Certificate (\$75)
- Schanks Entertainment Package (\$90)
- Safeway Wine and Spirits Certificate (\$50)
- Home Depot Gift Cards (\$100)
- Music Makers Gift Set (\$25)
- North Sea Fish Market (\$25)
- Chinook Rafting 2 Adult Tickets (\$187)
- Tan de Soleil Tanning Package (\$74)
- Tim Horton's Gift Set (\$80)

4th Draw: Gift Package 2 (retail \$664) which includes:

- Community Natural Foods (\$150)
- Bernard Callebaut (\$50)
- Crowfoot Liquor- Wine Gift Set (\$20)
- Coach Fragrance Gift Set (\$150)
- Tan de Soleil Tanning Package (\$74)
- Sunnyside Garden Center (\$50)

Twelve Mile Coulee School Outdoor Fitness Area Update

We continue to work hard to make the TMC Outdoor Fitness Area a reality and are hoping to complete the fitness area by September of 2015. Our project budget is just under \$340,000, and we have raised about \$75,000 in cash and in kind donations. Because we will not have a casino fundraiser for another 24 months and home builders have left the neighborhood, we need community support to help this project come to fruition.

The Crowfoot COBS Bread Doughraiser raised \$200 for the 2013-2014 school year, and they will continue to donate 5% of any purchase to this project when you mention Twelve Mile Coulee school fundraiser at the time of your purchase. Tuscany Sobey's continues their "add-a-dollar" campaign at their tills, which we will re-evaluate this fall. 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 everyone who has come forward so far and a special thank you to Clara S. for her generous lemonade stand donation.

We will be hosting a raffle/steak night at the Last Straw Ale House on November 8. Please contact me directly at tmcoutdoorfitnesscommittee@gmail.com to purchase tickets. Tickets will be \$25 each, with a one in 1800 chance to win. For more details, see our article on the raffle/steak night in this issue of the Tuscany Sun.

Thank you for your continued support and please contact me if you have any questions.

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

Our Schools

Tuscany School Council

Tuscany School Council would like to invite all Tuscany School parents to the November School Council meeting on Thursday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gathering space.

In addition, we would like to relay this important message from our Principal:

Tuscany School will be hosting an Open House for kindergarten parents on Thursday, January 8, 2015, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. This is an information session that is geared toward parents of children that are eligible to start kindergarten in the fall of 2015. Children may attend kindergarten in September 2015 if he/she turns five on or before March 1, 2016. Following the Open House, feel free to stay for the Tuscany School Council meeting and meet the incredible Council!

Registration for Kindergarten begins on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 9:30 a.m. Further details regarding registration will be on the Tuscany School website at www.cbe.ab.ca/b393 by the end of October. An orientation for registered students will be held in the spring where you can bring your child to spend time in the classroom.

Highlights of our school include:

- Circle of Courage
- Early literacy and numeracy
- Critical thinking skills
- Excellence in teaching
- Parental involvement
- Field trips and extra-curricular activities

We look forward to welcoming your family to Tuscany School.

- *Cindy White, Principal,
Tuscany School*

Bowness High School Update

Hello Tuscany! Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Jana Macdonald, and I am the new Principal at Bowness High School. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the staff, students, and community over the past few weeks. I have been with the Calgary Board of Education for the past 17 years, and I am committed to continuing the great work at Bowness High. We have amazing staff—teachers, support staff, and caretakers—and our students have access to these human resources, as well as community supports/programs such as All in for Youth (through The United Way) and Raising the Grade (through the Boys and Girls Club), just to name a few. We all want our students to succeed and grow, and I appreciate the support of the Bowness community in fostering this goal.

The start of another busy Bowness High School Fine Arts season is upon us, and we would love for you to join us as the many talented teenagers from Tuscany present their work. Our Music Program kicks it all off with the Fall Concert on Wednesday, October 29 and finishes the season with our Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 10. Both concerts start at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre, and there is no admission charge.

The Drama Program will be presenting their fall main stage show, *Freaks and Geeks*, on Tuesday, November 18 and Wednesday, November 19 at 7 p.m. in the school theatre. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold at the door. On Tuesday, December 2 and Wednesday, December 3, the Dance Program will present their annual show at 7:00 p.m. in the theatre. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. And the Art Program will have student art work on display for the shows in November and December.

Thank you for the chance to say hello. I wish you well. Go Trojans!

- *Jana Macdonald*

St. Sylvester

Bonjour from the staff and students of École St. Sylvester. November is the month set aside to remember family and friends who are no longer with us but who have enriched our lives. We also take a moment to remember those who have made sacrifices for us in the name of Justice and Peace. We honor their memory by having a Remembrance Day Celebration at 9:30 a.m. on November 7 at the school. All are welcome to attend!

We would like to thank our parents and students for collecting non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank Drive. The drive was held last month and provided families with meals just in time for Thanksgiving. Thank you all for your continued support in making the drive a success.

As part of our Catholic Community of Caring initiative, we will be focusing on the virtues of Love and Kindness. This theme will be reflected throughout the school in many different contexts and through varied classroom activities.

Other important dates to mark:

- No School (Professional Day): November 1
- Picture Retake: November 14
- Parent Teacher Interviews: November 27 (evening) and November 28 (during the day)

- *Tanya Wttewaall*

In Our Community



**Support Tuscany!
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Membership ...do you have your
Community Association membership yet?

Benefits of Membership

- 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.







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.)

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.
- For more information, email customerservice.tuscany@shaw.ca or call 403-241-6402.

November Events & Notices

Fall 2 Program Registration Now Open

Review the guide at www.tuscany-connect.com, and register online through your account for the Fall 2 program session in November and December. For more information or help registering, email the Recreation Manager at clubprograms@shaw.ca. Your TRA offers

programs for youth dance and sports, adult fitness and yoga, preschooler play hours, and so much more.

Winter Program Guide and Registration

The TRA Winter Program Guide will be out on Monday, December 1, with registration for all winter programs opening Friday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m. The Winter Guide will have info on all your favourite fitness and recreation programs, plus some great new additions for winter, including youth and adult skating lessons.

Holiday Craft and Bake Sale

Registration opened Monday, October 20. Tables are \$25 each, one per address and for TRA members only. Our sale is the perfect way to sell those special holiday crafts, gifts, and treats. All items sold must be homemade or handcrafted by the vendor. This year's event is Saturday, December 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and admission is free to the public. Check out the 40+ tables of crafts, baked goods, and holiday gift ideas! Contact clubprograms@shaw.ca to see if there are any tables left for booking.

Letters to Santa

Once again this holiday season, the Tuscany Club will be your headquarters for writing to Santa Claus. Starting Monday, November 17, kids can drop off letters to Santa Claus at the big red mailbox in the lobby of the Tuscany Club, and a personalized reply will be sent to your home. Pick up our special stationery or use your own. Deadline for this year is Saturday, December 20.

Community Concerns and Snow Clearing Maintenance

We welcome the assistance of the residents in identifying outstanding issues or problems. If you are out and about in the community and notice something (i.e. broken fence panels, vandalism, etc.), please feel free to notify the TRA at 403-241-6402, and we will address the issue as quickly as possible. A map showing snow cleaning responsibilities within the community will be posted to our website soon.

In Our City

Living with Coyotes

Dr. Shelley Alexander is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Calgary. Some of her research draws on 3-1-1 reports of coyotes to the City of Calgary from 2005 – 2008. Coyotes were sighted most frequently during the breeding season (656 reports) and least frequently during the pup-rearing season (356 reports). The presence of food likely predisposed coyotes to many reported conflicts, which were often in central, higher-density communities close to small green spaces. However, most incidents were sightings (89%) and conflicts were rare (5%). Conflict was reported most commonly during the Pup-Rearing season (19 reports) and least frequently during the Breeding season (4 reports).

Dr. Alexander also studied the Canadian Print Media (1998-2010) and looked at the portrayal of coyotes as criminals. They were described as: bold (19), brazen (16), wiley (15), mangy (6), nuisance (5), or wild (3). In addition, she noted many instances of concern for animal welfare, lack of response by Fish and Wildlife agencies, and the view that coyotes are unnatural.

Alexander will be giving a free talk about *Living with Coyotes* in Calgary on Wed., Nov. 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Triwood Community Centre, 2244 Chicoutimi Dr. NW.

- Anne Burke



Councillor's Report

Tree Clean-Up – September Storm

City crews aim to do a complete sweep of streets and lanes in all storm-affected communities before the next snowfall. By early November, crews hope to have completed sweeps through all communities at least once, and corrective pruning by the end of November.

Please continue to help out in any way you can. If possible, bring your tree debris to city landfills. When you see crews make their way through your neighbourhood, move your vehicles off the street and if possible, from back alleys.

For the most up to date information, visit www.calgary.ca/General/Pages/September-Snow-Event.aspx. For seniors and those who are physically challenged, CEMA and the City Links program are here to help. Citizens can call 311 and ask for the “Seniors Home Maintenance” Service Request to get assistance.

Sport Facility Renewal Funding Program

The Sport Facility Renewal Funding Program represents Council's commitment to invest \$40 million of funding towards the renewal and upgrade of existing sport facilities in Calgary. Projects eligible for funding are directed to the non-routine/major maintenance or upgrades of existing sport amenities. The deadline to submit a Project Pre-Screening form is November 12, 2014. For more information, visit www.calgary.ca/CSPS/Recreation/Pages/Research-and-development/Sport-facility-renewal-project.aspx

Bowness Park Redevelopment Project

The City of Calgary is confident that Bowness Park will be open for skating this winter. Both the east and west control structures for the lagoon are working and the central parking lot is complete. By November, Enmax should have connected the electricity to power the lights in the parking lot. The City is also working to complete the entrance road, however, if that isn't complete by winter, a temporary surface can be installed for people to access the park. The only thing skating depends on that it outside The City's control is ice creation, which is dependent on the weather. Let's hope for a white Christmas so we can have the formal opening with a skating party this winter at Bowness Park.

- Ward Sutherland

A Sampling of Concerts

- **Chubby Checker:** November 1, Deerfoot Inn & Casino
- **Fleetwood Mac:** November 14, Scotiabank Saddledome
- **Blind Melon:** November 15, Deerfoot Inn & Casino
- **Sam Roberts Band:** November 16, Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium
- **Motley Crue:** November 19, Scotiabank Saddledome
- **The Trews:** November 21, Flames Central
- **John Fogerty:** November 24, Scotiabank Saddledome
- **Lights:** November 25, MacEwan Hall

In Our City

Addressing the Problem...

Often times, when members of Animal & Bylaw Services or Alberta Health Services/Emergency Medical Services respond to a call, time is of the essence.

When accessing a property from an alley, the difficulty comes when addresses are not clearly displayed at the back of the home. It is even more difficult in areas where houses are built in close proximity to one another.

For your safety, please be aware that under the Community Standards Bylaw, your address must be clearly displayed at the front of your home, as well as the back of your property if adjacent to an alley or public walkway.

Calgary Fire, CPS and Animal & Bylaw Services appreciate your support and assistance.

Be Street Smart Safe

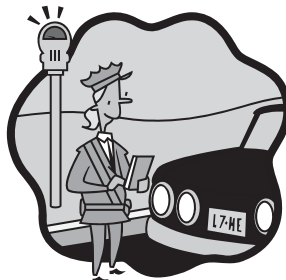
Do you know the rules of the road? Some people might be surprised by what bylaws exist in Calgary to ensure our streets are safe.

Obstruction

- Do not place electrical cords, hoses, or chains over a sidewalk.
- Do not place any material in lanes, streets, sidewalks, or City right-of-ways.

Vehicles

- Vehicles parked on driveways may not block sidewalks or boulevards.



- Do not leave unregistered, uninsured vehicles on City streets or lanes.*
- A vehicle must be operable and moved within 72 hours, or it may be considered abandoned and removed as such.*

Recreation

- For safety reasons, hockey nets, ski/snowboard/skateboard ramps, and basketball nets are not permitted on City streets, even temporarily.

* *This regulation is a part of Alberta's Traffic Safety Act and is enforced by the Calgary Parking Authority.*

*- City of Calgary,
Animal and Bylaw Services*

Crowfoot Library

Programs for Children and Youth

- **Pyjama Storytime:** Ages 2-5 with parent/caregiver. Tuesday, Nov. 4, 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- **Poetically Poetical:** Ages 5-11, Saturday, Nov. 8, 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
- **Emerging Artists in YOUR Library:** Sponsored by BMO. Monday, Nov. 17, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- **Colossal Calgary Playdate!** Ages up to 3 with parent/caregiver. Thursday, Nov. 20, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **P.D. Day Movie:** Friday, Nov. 21 or Friday, Nov. 28, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Programs for Adults

- **Welcome to Canada: Positive Parenting (Mandarin):** Sunday, Nov. 2, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Register at 403-999-9724 (Mandarin) or 403-777-6074 (English). Taught in Mandarin.
- **Portable Tablets for Beginners:** Tuesday, Nov. 4, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Registration required.
- **Amazon Mystery: The Disappearance of Percy Fawcett:** Thursday, Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Registration required.
- **Stepping into Change:** Presented by Alberta Health Services. Wednesday, Nov. 12, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Registration required.

- **eBooks: A Library on the Go:** Wednesday, Nov. 19, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Registration required.

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

"Freedom means the opportunity to be what we never thought we would be."

Daniel J. Boorstin

In Our City

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Programs for Adults

- **Career Coaching and Computer Technology Coaching:** Saturdays, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. No registration required.
- **Credit Talk:** In partnership with Momentum, a Community Economic Development organization. Wednesday, November 5, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- **Adult Book Club:** This month's selection is *The Storied Life* by A.J. Fikry. Sunday, November 16, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **eBook Doctor:** Saturday, November 22, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. No registration required.
- **Understanding Food Labels:** Presented by Nurse Practitioner, Donna Clare, MN. Monday, November 24, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Programs for Kids

- **Bear Gets Ready for Bed:** Ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver. Friday, November 14, 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
- **Discover Detection:** Join Mad Science to learn some of the techniques used to investigate and analyze crime scene evidence. Ages 7 to 12. Tuesday, November 18, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Drop-in Family Storytime:** Ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver. Fridays, 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. No registration required.
- **Caregivers Connect:** Ages up to 5 with a parent/caregiver. Fridays, 10:50 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.



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Book Recommendations

Garden of Evening Mists, by Twan Eng Tan

Recently retired judge Teoh Yun Ling has at most a year before she will lose all language and memory to aphasia. She leaves Kuala Lumpur for the highlands of central Malaysia and finds Yugiri—the book's eponymous Garden of Evening Mists—where she has agreed to meet a Japanese scholar writing a book about Yugiri's creator, Aritomo, the self-exiled former gardener to the emperor of Japan. Four decades earlier, in spite of being the single survivor of a horrific World War II Japanese prison, Yun Ling apprenticed herself to Aritomo, hoping to someday create the perfect garden to honor her murdered sister. Almost 38 years have passed since Aritomo disappeared, and now, threatened with erasure, Yun Ling begins to record his story as well as her own. Tan succeeds in entwining the redemptive power of storytelling with the search for elusive truth, all the while juxtaposing Japan's ignominious war history with glorious moments of Japanese art and philosophy. Readers who love gardens and their creation, as well as exquisite writing and the vortex of history, will be drawn into this book.

Cool Water, by Dianne Warren

Juliet, Saskatchewan, is a blink-of-an-eye kind of town—the welcome sign announces a population of 1,011 people—and it's easy to imagine that nothing happens on its hot and dusty streets. Situated on the edge of the Little Snake sand hills, Juliet and its inhabitants are caught in limbo between a century-old promise of prosperity and whatever lies ahead. But the heart of the town beats in the rich and overlapping stories of its

people: the foundling who now owns the farm his adoptive family left him; the pregnant teenager and her mother, planning a fairytale wedding; a shy couple, well beyond middle age, struggling with the recognition of their feelings for one another; a camel named Antoinette; and the ubiquitous wind and sand that forever shift the landscape. Their stories bring the prairie desert and the town of Juliet to vivid and enduring life. This is W.O. Mitchell country sixty years on, at once witty and perceptive, deeply moving and profound—a timeless story of the mysteries of everyday life.

In Flanders Fields



In Flanders fields the
poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset
glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we
lie
In Flanders fields

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
grow
In Flanders fields.

- John McCrae

In Our City

The City of Calgary Launching New Pet Licensing Website

Animal & Bylaw Services is launching a new pet licensing website in order to improve service to Calgarians. Effective 8:00 a.m. on September 29, the new website will launch at <https://petlicence.calgary.ca>. If you previously bookmarked the animal licensing website, please DELETE your bookmark—it will no longer be in effect after the scheduled date and time.

After testing of the new site is complete in the spring of 2015, we will have the ability to add features such as Interac payments, automatic withdrawals, and automated renewals. Currently, pet owners can only pay by credit card when using the online service or 311. If you

currently want to use another form of payment, such as Interac, please register your pet licensing bill with your own bank.

In Calgary, all cats and dogs over three months of age must be licensed. An animal licence enables The City to return your missing cat or dog to you, and it tells others that your lost pet is not a stray and needs to be returned to his family.

For more information, visit Calgary.ca and search “Licensing a Cat or Dog.”

Animal & Bylaw Services has a new Facebook page!

Subscribing to the new ABS Facebook

page is the best way to keep up-to-date on our feature events, campaigns, promotions, and news. Find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/cityofcalgaryabs.



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Parenting Your Preschooler

Hand Washing: Germs Are Not for Sharing

Children are encouraged to share toys, share in chores around the house, share food, and share ideas. However, we wish to discourage children from sharing germs and sickness by teaching them that they should not share toothbrushes, water bottles, spoons, etc. Once children begin to mix with other children on a regular basis, whether it is at kindergarten, gymnastics, library story time, preschool, or daycare, they need to be more aware of staying healthy by not sharing germs. Parents can help by keeping children home if they are not feeling well so that they recover more quickly and to prevent the spread of whatever virus is going around. Parents can also begin to teach their children preventive skills.

Children should be shown how to wipe their own nose and how to dispose of the tissue themselves. Giving the used tissue to an adult, stuffing the used tissue back into the tissue box with the clean tissues, or leaving the used tissue on the floor or in the toy box are not good options. Children should be encouraged to dispose of used tissues in a trash can.

Another skill that should be practiced is covering one's mouth with an arm or sleeve in the case of a cough or a sneeze. There are little poems or songs that can be fun and still get the message across.

E.g. Cover you cough. Cover your sneeze.

This is the way we stay healthy, please.



Proper hand washing is also very important. Hands should be washed thoroughly after using the toilet, after using a tissue, and especially before eating. Once children put their hands in water, they then need to apply soap and rub hands together. Rubbing the soap could be timed by singing the "ABC song," "Twinkle, Twinkle," or even "Happy Birthday." Only once the song is finished and both hands are soapy, the bubbles may be rinsed off. Instead of using music, parents could use a 20 second timer or a mental checklist to ensure little hands are thoroughly soaped. The checklist could include rubbing the soap on the palms of hands, the backs of hands, and between fingers. Don't forget to rub each thumb and both wrists.

Then there are 10 finger tips and 10 fingernails. To encourage proper hand washing, parents could put an ink stamp on the back of the child's hand, and their job is to wash it off to prove that little hands have been washed adequately.

To introduce and review the subject periodically with a child, may I suggest the picture book by Elizabeth Verdick, *Germs Are Not for Sharing*. There is even an idea section at the back for adults as they teach these life skills. Not only will this help keep your child and family healthy, but other children and those of us who work with children will be healthier as well.

- Betty Ann Chandler; B. Ed.



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