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Community Association

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SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY - MAY IS SECA MEMBERSHIP MONTH!

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THERE WILL BE NO DOOR TO DOOR CANVASSING FOR PURCHASE OF THE 2018 SECA MEMBERSHIP SO PLEASE GO TO THE SECA WEB SITE AND PAY USING YOUR CREDIT CARD **OR COMPLETE AND MAIL THE MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 4.** 

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PURCHASE YOUR CA MEMBERSHIP ONLINE: WWW.SHAWNEE-EVERGREEN.CA

# Where Friends and Family Come Together to Enjoy the Good Things in Life





PUBLICACTIVEMARKETLEARNING PARK

THE LOFT KITCHEN, BAKERY & LOUNGE



ranary Road is the most exciting and unique family dining, shopping and entertainment destination to ever come to the Calgary area!

The Active Learning Park is an imaginative, interactive and inspiring experience that all

ages will love to explore! With 36 acres and 3.5 kilometers of trails that lead through a series of 11 exhibits each featuring imaginative play areas in the theme of the pod. Giant animatronic spiders, bats and frogs greet kids as they climb and play on swings, slides and climbers that thrill their imaginations. Each pod has a creative combination of learning modules that will teach kids about many interesting aspects of the animals, insects and agriculture of Alberta. The engaging interactive content intrigues a kid's natural curiosity and features fun facts



that will spark a child's interest. There's so much to do! Plan on spending a full day of adventure that will leave you excited to come back again and again!

The Market at Granary



Road is open year-round and has quickly become Calgary's premier market. Set in an upscale, charismatic environment, you can peruse over 30 of the best in class vendors. You can buy fresh produce, sweet treats, find that unique gift or sit in one of the wonderful sitting areas around the market. It also hosts The Loft Restaurant, Bakery and Lounge. The bakery fills the market with the mouth watering aromas of fresh breads, rolls, croissants and myriad

Minutes South of Calgary!

of pastries, all to be enjoyed with a delicious cup of coffee. Or sit back after a fun family day in the park or market and enjoy a relaxing wine, beer or cocktail in Calgary's only interior roof top lounge. The spacious 40' high vaulted dining room with panoramic views of the surrounding foothills makes Granary Road a dining destination to keep you coming back time and time again.

Granary Road is located just minutes from anywhere in Calgary. Nestled in the Foothills only 5 kilometers south of the city.

Granary Road is where friends and family come together to enjoy the good things in life.

# **SECA President's Report**

Unfortunately, this year's Easter Egg Hunt was cancelled due to the accumulation of snow at South Gate Alliance Church. Hopefully we will have better luck in 2019.

May is SECA Membership Month. There will be no door to door canvassing for purchase of the 2018 SECA membership so please go to the SECA website and pay using your credit card or complete and mail the Membership Registration Form on page 4. Your support of SECA will enable us to continue to hold events such as the Easter Egg Hunt and Stampede Breakfast (Saturday June 23, 2018). We are pleased that we will be holding the Breakfast again this year on the Church parking! Our thanks to Pastor Friessen for his continuing support of SECA activities.

Cardel continues to attend our monthly Board meetings to provide **Shawnee Park** development updates and listen to our concerns. Final stripping and grading permits for the remainder of the site have been approved. Approximately 60% of the work is complete. The remainder is targeted for completion by June 30, 2018 but the late arrival of Spring this year may result in work continuing into July.

Sincerely,







A new season is here, and that means it's time to give your living spaces an update. Refresh your home with a few strategic elements that can take you from winter to wow.

#### Surprise with unexpected

florals. Flowers during springtime are not exactly a groundbreaking idea, but you can add a twist by incorporating them in creative ways. Fresh flowers are never a miss, and you can make them bloom and last longer by placing an ice cube in their water every other day.

#### Transport outdoor greenery

**inside.** Nothing says spring like new plants, flowers and shrubs. Even if you don't have a backyard, you can give your interiors a touch of the garden with easy-to-maintain plants around your home.

#### Brighten with a pastel palette.

Today's trending colours are perfect for the season. Add some millennial pink, soft lavender and cheerful yellow with decorative accessories like pillows and art prints for an easy update.

#### Update your window's look.

Sometimes all it takes to energize a space are new window fashions. Be sure to choose something that lets in plenty of the sun's rays after a long winter

~ newscanada.com

# **SECA Community Connection**

WE HAVE VACANCIES ON OUR BOARD. Do you want to make a positive difference? if so, please contact us at info@shawneeevergreen.ca



## We need you to be a member! Please send in your membership today!

## HERE IS WHAT YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (SECA) DOES:

 Hosts Easter Egg Hunt at South Gate Alliance Church

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- Hosts the June Family Stampede Breakfast (free for members and their resident family) at South Gate Alliance Church parking lot
- Sponsors the June Annual Community Parade of Garage Sales
- Sponsors Community
  Cleanup in September at
  South Gate Alliance Church
- Provides input and authorizes the monthly Community Newsletter delivered to all 3000 + households
- Provides a director for the Board of the Cardel Rec South

- Complex Association
- Membership in SECA provides an opportunity to enjoy 10% discount for Cardel Rec South programs if registered before the registration deadline
- Provides a director for the Board of the Trico Centre for Family Wellness
- Supports the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society
- Works with Cardel Homes, Genstar, Graywood
   Developments and the City to ensure that Shawnee
   Park is developed in a way that melds with our existing

community as well as is

- Diligently alert to the future development of lands surrounding the Fish Creek-Lacombe LRT station
- Is involved with the City on transportation issues (e.g. SW Ring Road development, traffic and safety issues, etc.) that impact our community
- Addresses speeding and other traffic issues within our community (e.g. Shawnee Drive SW and 6th Street SW intersection improvements)
- Join or renew at www.shawnee-evergreen. ca/Membership.page or complete form below

# MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

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To purchase a membership in your Community Association, please fill in this form, attach a cheque for \$20.00 made out to Shawnee-Evergreen Community Association, and mail or deliver to: **Shawnee-Evergreen Community Association c/o Peter Snell, 1058 Shawnee Road SW, Calgary AB T2Y IW5** 

Household Information (Held in confidence):
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Surname I:	Given name:	
Surname 2:	Given name:	
Street Address:		
Postal Code: Telephone: (residence)		
E-mail Address:		
E-mail address is especially important if you want to receive SECA communications		
Please mark ( $\checkmark$ ) your choice as a volunted	er: Board of Directors member Stampede Breakfast Helper Don't know, ask me!	
Payment (\$20.00): Cash:	Cheque #	

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2017/18) SEND EMAIL TO: info@shawneeevergreen.ca

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OFFICIAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

# **Shawnee-Evergreen CA Membership Benefits**



- You are entitled to one vote per membership at the Shawnee-Evergreen Community Association AGM in September.
- You, and residing members of your family can participate FREE at the Annual Shawnee-Evergreen Stampede Breakfast in June.
- CARDEL REC SOUTH COMPLEX. SECA Members receive a reduced fee rate. See inside this newsletter for program information.
- TRICO CENTRE. Support your community by purchasing a pass at Trico Centre. A portion of your pass fee is allocated to SECA.
- Your Board of Directors represent the community in all aspects of community needs such as developments – including future developments, traffic concerns, LRT needs, roadways, community playgrounds, and liaises with other communities on a wide variety of concerns and issue.

## **TO OBTAIN MEMBERSHIPS:**

- Those who have not purchased a family membership are required to obtain a membership to take part in the festivities, to vote at the Annual General Meetings or receive reductions in fees for the Cardel Rec South Complex programs.
- Memberships can be purchased at any functions, the Annual General Meeting in September, OR fill out the form on page 4 and send it as directed on the form to S.E.C.A. Also available at the Cardel Rec South Complex. Memberships are \$20 per year and must be renewed annually by May 1st.
- Memberships may now be purchased on-line by going to the SECA web site at http://www.shawnee-evergreen.ca/ Membership.page and "clicking" on the "Pay Membership Fee via PayPal" button below the "Membership Form".

NOTE: If you have any item of interest for SHAWNEE SLOPES and/or EVERGREEN ESTATES RESIDENTS, please forward them to SECA at INFO@SHAWNEEEVERGREEN.CA.

> Submissions for the Newsletter are due on the 4th day of the month for the next month's issue.

# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION SHAWNEE-EVERGREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

If you live in area specified below (inside the lines and your street address name contains EverGREEN or Shawnee) or you are a resident of the Beacon Hill condominiums at 14645 6th Street S.W., you are eligible to be a regular member of the Shawnee/Evergreen Association. (S.E.C.A.)



Website: www.shawnee-evergreen.ca

# SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. BUY A MEMBERSHIP TODAY!





Cardel Rec South offers a variety of recreational and educational program for all ages. We are a strong supporter of the Home Schooling community as well and offer several options for children aged 6 and up.

Visit our website at: www.cardelrec.com for a complete listing of our programming.



## FREE PUBLIC SWIMMING

Free swimming is available on some statutory holidays at select pools. Check online for the dates and locations of upcoming free public swimming at calgary.ca/pools.

#### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SPLASH SWIM – \$1 FOR KIDS

Check your favourite pool schedule for Splash Swims, admission is \$2/ adult and \$1/child or senior. Search calgary.ca/pools.

#### TERRIFIC TUESDAYS AT SOUTHLAND LEISURE CENTRE Tiesdays A - 10 p.m. Come ioin us fo

Tuesdays, 4 - 10 p.m. Come join us for

50% off regular admission. Waterpark access begins at 7 p.m.

### WILD WEDNESDAYS AT VILLAGE SQUARE LEISURE CENTRE

Wednesdays, 4 - 10 p.m. Come join us for 50% off regular admission. All ages.

### TOYS IN THE WATERPARK, THURSDAYS AT SOUTHLAND LEISURE CENTRE

Toys in the Waterpark from 7 - 9 p.m. Try out our giant inflatable obstacle course or "walk on water" in one of our WOW balls. Anyone age 7 and up can try them out. General admission applies.

# SATURDAY NIGHT FOR 50% OFF REGULAR ADMISSION

Saturdays, 7 – 10 p.m. at Village Square Leisure Centre. Come join us for 50% off regular admission.

#### SUNDAY FAMILY SWIM

Sundays, 8 a.m. - noon at Southland

Leisure Centre. Come enjoy our waterpark! Adults must be accompanied by a child and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Regular admission applies.

## SOCCER DROP-IN

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Calgary Soccer Centre Age: 18+. Develop foot skills, practice drills or play a game. Bring your own ball.

### **DROP-IN CLIMBING WALL**

Located at Southland Leisure Centre and Beltline Aquatic & Fitness Centre. For drop-in schedules, please visit us online or contact 311.

### PLAYSCHOOL PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS AT SOUTHLAND AND VILLAGE SQUARE LEISURE CENTRES

Flexible options for preschoolers: registered, drop-in or year round. Visit calgary.ca/playschool.



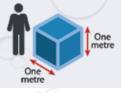
# Water leaks and basic repairs

When it comes to residential and household leaks, toilets, faucets and outdoor irrigation are the most common culprits, although any water using device can eventually leak.

## How much do water leaks really cost?

Water is measured in cubic metres (m3)

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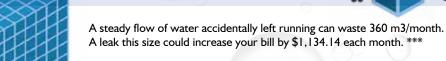
The average Calgarian uses approximately 7 m3 every month. 1 m3 = 1,000 litres 7 m3 = 7,000 litres

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For 2018 each cubic metre costs \$3.15\*

Leaks can range in size. A chain caught under a toilet flapper can waste 3 m3/month. A leak this size could increase your bill by \$9.45 each month. If the water level in the toilet tank is too high and overflowing into the overflow tube or the flapper is completely lifted it can waste up to 1,200 m3/month. A leak this size could increase your bill by \$3,780.48 each month.\*\*

In the case of a leaky faucet, the size and cost of leaks can range as well. One drop per second can waste 2.5 m3/month. A leak this size could increase your bill by \$7.87 each month. A small stream of water can waste 15 m3/month. A leak this size could increase your bill by \$47.26 each month.



Use your water meter to check for leaks. In Calgary most water meters are installed inside the house where the water pipe enters your home. This is usually in the basement, near your main water shut-off valve.

I. Turn off all taps and water appliances (dishwashers, washing machines) in your home.

2. Watch the flow register on the face of the meter. The register could look like a gear (round or triangular, black or red) or a needle depending on the model of meter you have.

3. If it keeps turning, you have a leak somewhere in your house.

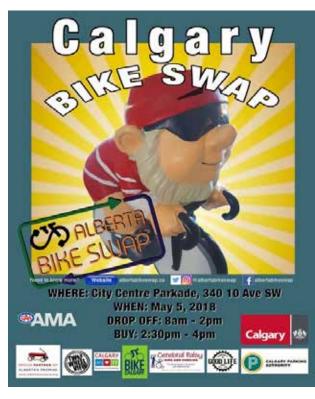
4. Check all water using devices, such as your taps, humidifier, hot water heater and water softener for leaks.

For more information and our high consumption checklist visit Calgary.ca/waterleaks

Volume of water can vary based on type of fixture and water pressure. Assumes a 30 day billing period.

\* Based on 2018 water rate (\$1.6652/m3) and wastewater rate (\$1.4852/m3) for Calgary. Not including service charges. \*\* Based on modeling of possible flow rate of 1" diameter residential service line.

\*\*\* Based on a 2.2 gallons per minute tap aerator as per bylaw requirement.



# What is SCAN?

## A MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION OF CALGARY COMMUNITIES

The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act (SCAN) is a civil legislation that investigates residential and commercial properties that residents identify as issues in their community. Once a resident reports to SCAN, investigators will begin a process to access and determine the issue with that property.

SCAN targets properties, not people. If criminal activity is uncovered by the unit, CPS and SCAN investigators will work together to resolve the issue. SCAN investigators investigate drug and sex trafficking and/or gang-related crime.

For more info., www.scan.alberta.ca or call 1-866-960-7226. FEDERATION OF CALGARY COMMUNITIES

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**The Calgary Ukrainian Festival June 2nd & 3rd, 2018.** A fun filled exciting day for the whole family! Come experience true Ukrainian hospitality, cuisine, & culture. There's something for everyone! Experience what it is to be Ukrainian. The Acadia Recreation Complex, 240 90th Ave SE.

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Living with Inspirational Core Values

## **REV UP YOUR LIFE!**

Join Reverend Elvis, Sundays @ 10:30 @ the Delta Calgary South

Note: May 6 and 13 West Tower, May 27 uilts display and info after church



#### Rev. Bruce R. Elvis Sheasby

"Victoria's Quilts Canada" is about helping people living with cancer. Their mission statement is: "to provide handmade guilts to people living with cancer in Canada. By providing these quilts, we hope to bring physical comfort to those dealing with cancer, as well as spiritual comfort in knowing they are not alone in their struggle." Since 1999, they have provided over 63,000 quilts with this "gift of love and warmth". Recently, a friend who received such a quilt told me how deeply he was touched by this gift received from people he Every quilt provided by Victoria's Quilts had never met.

A few women from our church are Victoria Quilters. So, when it is requested by the recipient of a quilt, we will say a prayer asking's for God's blessing on the quilt. Receiving a quilt, however, does not imply one needs to receive an added blessing on the quilt, or to believe in God, or adhere to a

# Helping People Living with Cancer

"What Cancer cannot do ... It cannot cripple love, It cannot shatter hope ... It cannot conquer the spirit" ~ Author Unknown

religious belief. Victoria's Quilts are free gifts for those who ask for themselves or on behalf of another. It is deeply touching to see how these quilts have helped so many. The help can be very practical by providing warmth during cancer treatments, or being a comfort on willingness to give and to receive. a sofa or bed, or simply being a tangible reminder that one is not alone. With or without a prayer, I believe that a blessing comes with each quilt both for the recipient as well as for those who make them, for whom it is a labour of love

A "good Samaritan" is a compassionate person who unselfishly helps others, especially strangers. The expression goes all the way back to Jesus who told the parable of the good Samaritan to illustrate what it meant to be a good neighbour. Interestingly the good Samaritan in his story was not one considered to be part of the religious establishment, whose members in the story avoided helping the one in need.

Canada comes with its own carrying bag and a bookmark inside with these words by an unknown author: "What Cancer Cannot Do... Cancer is so limited, It cannot cripple love, It cannot shatter hope, It cannot corrode faith, It cannot destroy peace, It cannot kill friendship, It cannot supress memories, It cannot silence courage, It cannot invade the soul, It cannot

steal eternal life, It cannot conquer the spirit" Helpfulness is one of the simplest yet most profound expressions of what I call Inspirational Core Values. It requires not so much belief or religion, as it does a

#### Exercise Helpfulness!

1. Consider requesting a Victoria's Quilt for someone living with cancer by contacting Rowena from Victoria Quilts at littledada@icloud.com or call Rev. Bruce at 403-225-4331 or visit www.victoriasguilts.com.

2. Identify a need requiring help and do something to fill that need, or be open to receiving help from another person to address your own need.

3. Join us this Sunday at 10:30 at the Delta Calgary South for Your Grace Land where we focus on a positive faith and living with Inspirational Core Values including Helpfulness.

Bruce Reinhold Elvis Sheasby is a life coach with a passion for helping others connect Inspirational Core Values to everyday life. He is leader of Your Grace Land church services and co-host of Your Grace Land Radio. His upcoming book is Your Grace Land – Achieving Success with Inspirational Core Values. For more information, visit www.yourgraceland.com





Eating nutritious meals can be easy even when you're busy. Spending just a few minutes planning can help get meals on the table faster, and save time and money.

Keep it simple to make meal planning easy and fun. Use these tips to help:

**KEEP A LIST.** Keep a grocery list and jot down items as you run out of them. Add foods based on your meal plan.

**GET INSPIRED.** Flip through grocery store flyers to take advantage of specials and use coupons to save money. Find healthy recipe ideas from magazines, cookbooks and websites.

THINK ABOUT YOUR FAMILY'S SCHEDULE. A busy week filled with sports and other activities could require planning fast and easy meals, like simple salads, quick stir-fries, or slow cooker meals.

**USE A SNACK STRATEGY.** Plan to have healthy snacks on hand so you can skip the limited choices in vending machines or coffee shops. Stock up on grab-and-go snacks like prechopped vegetables, fruit, hard-boiled eggs, and unsalted nuts.

**GET THE KIDS INVOLVED.** Involve children in planning and preparing meals — they'll appreciate the meal more and learn important life skills. Ask them to choose a favorite meal, and encourage your family to try a new food or recipe.

# **Community Services**

ALL EMERGENCY CALLS	911
Alberta Adolescent Recovery Centre	403.253.5250
Alberta Health Care	403.310.0000
AHS Addictions Hotline	1.866.332.2322
ATCO Gas – 24 Hour Emergency	403.245.7222
Calgary HEALTH LINK 24/7	403.943.5465
Calgary Police – Non Emergency	403.266.1234
Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter	403.234.7233
Child Abuse Hotline	1.800.387.5437
Child Find – Alberta	403.270.3463
Distress/Crisis Line	403.266.4357
ENMAX – Power Trouble	403.514.6100
Poison Centre – Alberta	1.800.332.1414
Suicide Crisis Line	1.800.784.2433
HOSPITALS/URGENT CARE	
Alberta Children's Hospital	403.955.7211
Foothills Hospital	403.944.1110
Rockyview General Hospital	403.943.3000
South Calgary Urgent Care	403.943.9300
South Health Campus	403.956.1111
OTHER	
Calgary Humane Society	403.205.4455
Calgary Parking Authority	403.537.7100
Calgary Senior's Resource	403.266.6200
Call Before You Dig	1.800.242.3447
City of Calgary	211 and 311
City of Calgary - Parks & Rec.	403.268.3888
Elder Abuse Resource Line (65+)	403.705.3250
Fish Creek Library	403.221.2090
Kerby Centre for the 55 plus	403.705.3246
City Hall	403.268.2111
City Hall - Mayor's Office	403.268.5622
Road Conditions – Calgary	1.877.262.4997
Trico Centre	403.278.7542
Weather Information	403.299.7878
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## VISIT THE ANNUAL DISASTER ALLEY EVENT ON MAY 5

The annual Disaster Alley event will be held on Saturday, May 5 from 11 am to 3pm at McMahon Stadium. This event shows what first responders can do to help Calgarians in an emergency as well as help Calgarians get prepared themselves! Presented by the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), this is a great opportunity to view displays, demonstrations and exhibits from organizations like the Calgary Fire Department, Calgary Police Service, Alberta Health Services/EMS, Canada Task Force 2, ATCO, Alberta Emergency Management Agency, ENMAX, the Calgary Airport Authority, and many more! All details are available at www.calgary.ca/disasteralley.

# Jason Kenney, MLA Calgary-Lougheed

311A, 2525 Woodview Dr. S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2W 4N4 Phone: (403) 238-1212 Email: calgary.lougheed@assembly.ab.ca REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITIES OF BRIDLEWOOD, EVERGREEN, WOODBINE & WOODLANDS



**Budget 2018-19** Finance Minister Joe Ceci delivered the 2018-19 Budget on March 22. Included in the budget is the NDP Government's plan to raise the carbon tax to the federal government's preferred 67 per cent hike, increasing it from \$30 to \$50 per tonne if re-elected. The NDP also admitted that the additional revenues from the 67 carbon tax increase will go to general revenues. With no credible plan to return to balance or plan to control spending, the NDP Government is projecting a \$96 billion debt figure in 2023. Meanwhile, Albertans are left paying high interest rates, money that could be used to fund essential services. This year alone Alberta will spend nearly \$2 billion in debt interest payments. By 2023 when the debt is expected to reach \$96 billion, debt payments will nearly double to \$3.7 billion. United Conservatives will constructively oppose a fiscal plan that drags Alberta deeper into debt.

## Bill 202: The Alberta Taxpayer Protection (Carbon

**Referendum) Amendment Act** On March 16 I introduced Private Member's Bill 202: The Alberta Taxpayer Protection (Carbon Referendum) Amendment Act. As President of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, I successfully advocated for Ralph Klein's government to pass the Alberta Taxpayer Protection Act, a law requiring a government to hold a referendum before any effort to implement a provincial sales tax. A carbon tax has increased the costs of just about everything in Alberta, and at the very least violates the spirit of the Alberta Taxpayer Protection Act. Bill 202 would require any increase to the carbon tax to be put to voters, and would prevent any future government from imposing a carbon tax without the consent of Albertans.

Holding the government to account Prior to the spring session of legislature, I said that myself and caucus colleagues



would bring a high level of decorum to the Legislature. Our role as the Official Opposition is to hold the

government to account, and ask tough questions, but in a respectful manner. Myself and caucus colleagues have been standing up for hard-working Albertans and common-sense ideas in the Legislature. The United Conservative Caucus want Albertans input on what to ask in the Legislature. To submit a question you would like to have answered in the Legislature you can go to the following website www.ucpcaucus.ca/ yourvoice/.

With graduation time approaching, I would be pleased as MLA for Calgary-Lougheed to provide a celebratory scroll to graduates to mark this milestone occasion. Recipients should reside in the constituency of Calgary-Lougheed. Please contact my constituency office to request a scroll.

Please feel free to contact me through my Constituency Office, 311A, 2525 Woodview Dr. SW, calgary.lougheed@assembly. ab.ca or by calling 403 238-1212.



# - MAY 2018 SWCRC Programs

Residents living in south west communities have **FREE** access to all our programs and services . Do you need information on community resources or need a referral to other agencies? Are you interested in registering for a program or booking a time with one of our resource workers, please contact the office at **403 238-9222** for details on the referral process and the dates of availability.

## **May Programs and Workshops**

Chat 'N Play Drop by and meet other parents for coffee and play time. Mondays 1:00–2:45

Computer Skills Workshop free 4-session beginner computer classes is provided in partnership with South Wood Public Library. Tuesdays 1:00-3:00pm May 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th, 2018

Family Literacy Program free program for immigrant families with children 3-5 years old to get their children ready for school Wednesdays 12:30-2:30pm

Youth Tutoring For students in grade 7—12. Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 starting January 10th

My Community, My Home This is a new bi-weekly program at the SWCRC that offers senior immigrant women (50+) a place to build friendship, develop community support and reduce isolation Thursdays 12:30-2:30 May 3rd, 17th, and 31st, 2018

Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting an 8-week program for parents of children of all ages. Thursdays Evenings 6:00-8:00pm Starting April 5th

Living Life to the Full a 6 Week program provided by Canadian Mental Health Association Wednesdays 10:00– 12:00pm starting June 13 – July 18<sup>th</sup>





There are times in everyone's life when challenges arise and we need someone to help us work through our difficulties. Since 2003 the South-West Communities Resource Centre has provided resources, information, referral, counseling, education and prevention programs to help our neighbours to deal with challenges, develop a sense of belonging, learn new skills and build resilience to stress and adversity.

## **Community Partnerships**

The SWCRC builds partnerships that provide a variety of services that are closer to those who live in the south west. Agencies that offer programs in our Resource Centre:

Aspen Family: tax clinic workshop providing assistance to prepare your 2017 tax

Calgary Immigrant Women Association: Offering individual and Family counselling

Homebridge: Homeless Prevention Program; Children's Cottage

Immigrant Service Calgary: Family Literacy Program

## Councillor Diane's City Hall Update

# **Councillor Diane Colley-Urquhart**

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## WATER METER EXCHANGE PROGRAM UPDATE

The Meter Exchange program ensures water meters in homes remain reliable with a more efficient water meter reading service. The newer and more efficient meters are equipped with **Encoded Receiver Transmitter (ERT)** technology, which allows meters to be read by a

portable device remotely, eliminating the need for monthly access to properties.

The number of meters being replaced in Ward 13 totals approximately 1893. In the next few weeks, additional residents in Ward 13 will be contacted that have water meters that have been identified as part of the standard process as requiring replacement.

To learn more, please visit CouncillorDiane.ca/2018/03/06/water-meter-exchange-update

### WOODLANDS WOODBINE COMMUNITY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – SECONDARY IMPROVEMENTS

The Community Drainage Improvements program was launched in 2010 to mitigate flooding in areas throughout the city. In recent years, the communities of Woodlands and Woodbine have experienced an unusually high number of high volume rainfall events. The proposed Secondary Improvements include:

- **Installation of inlet control devices:** Restricts stormwater captured at catch basins and promotes ponding on road surfaces;
- Catch basin upgrades: Increases stormwater capture;
- Storm sewer diversions: Increases conveyance capacity and alleviates surcharging;
- **Spill route improvements:** Diverts and improves overland flows and reduces the depth of ponding at spill points.

# Construction for this project will begin this summer and be ongoing throughout 2019:

- **Spill route improvements:** Parking restrictions and lane closures may apply in the vicinity of the work;
- **Catch basin upgrades:** There may be parking restrictions in the immediate vicinity of the work;
- **Storm main upgrade:** There will be lane closures for the duration of the work which will be communicated well before the start of construction.

To learn more, please visit Calgary.ca/WWCDI

#### SOUTH MACLEOD LANDS AND PRIDDIS WETLAND REGIONAL PARK

The Priddis Wetland Regional Park has been part of a larger master planning study by Facility Management that is exploring the development of a new Operations Workplace Centre within the South MacLeod lands.

The Priddis wetland is regionally significant as the largest natural wetland complex within Calgary. For Parks, the priority will be to ensure that the greenspace configuration is



aligned with the protection and enhancement of the wetlands and their related upland and native grasslands within the plan area. Additionally, the greenspace must be contiguous, focused around the water's edge and positioned such that opportunities for passive park enjoyment and recreation is both supported and sustainable. Access and connections to the surrounding new communities as well as to future transit will also be a priority.

As development for the Priddis Wetland Regional Park is currently unfunded, Parks will be submitting a request for capital funding through the One Calgary budget process. Funds requested for this site will help identify required stakeholder engagement, advance regulatory coordination and approvals, and support development of an appropriate concept design and vision for the park.

Ultimately, the Priddis

Wetland area will be a natural environment regional park with opportunities for wildlife viewing, natural area interpretation, and active and passive recreation, and may include amenities such as picnic sites and pathways, trails and boardwalks.

# **Community Civic Chat**

# Graham Sucha, MLA Calgary-Shaw

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ith the official arrival of Spring, a 2018 budget was also tabled

WW by Finance Minister Joe Ceci – A Recovery Built to Last. The 2018 Budget focuses squarely on extending the benefits of Alberta's economic recovery to all Albertans and continuing to build a more resilient, diversified and stable economy that is less vulnerable to oil price shocks- in other words, a recovery that is built to last for **everyone**.

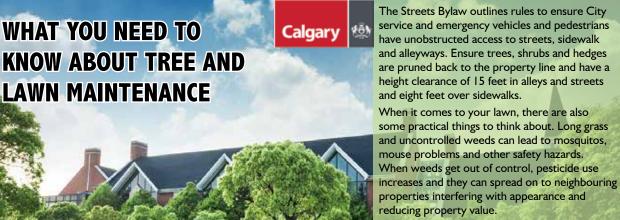
This plan confirms the ongoing commitment to make life better for all Albertans. The priorities of this year's budget are to diversify our economy, protect vital public services we all rely on, and to bring the budget back to balance.

I believe that Albertans deserve a balanced plan for a secure future, one that carefully and responsibly controls costs while protecting services. I also believe that Budget 2018 will have a very positive effect on the riding of Calgary Shaw. One of the most frequent complaints my office receives is that schools in South Calgary are growing beyond their capacity and classroom sizes continue to grow. Budget 2018 allocated nearly \$400 million to build badly needed schools across Alberta including many in Calgary.

I am glad that in 2017 Alberta's economic rebound surpassed expectations. However I realize not all Albertans are feeling the economic boost and I will not stop working until all Albertans are able to enjoy a strong economy.

### IN CALGARY SHAW

I want to let you know about 2 exciting events my office is coordinating. The first is a Jane's Walk of Midnapore. A Jane's Walk is a free guided walking tour and the weekend of May 4-6 they will be happening around the city. Please phone my office or follow my Facebook page for more information. The second event we are hosting is our annual Stampede BBQ on June 30th, 2018. This year we will be partnering with the Somerset Bridlewood Community Association to have an even bigger and better event. While we plan the details be sure to read my newsletter for updates. All are welcome. As always if you have concerns or questions please contact my office at 403-256-8969 or calgary.shaw@ assembly.ab.ca



The Community Standards Bylaw regulates grass, weeds and untidy properties:

- Grass must be less than six inches tall.
- Owners must maintain their lawns and boulevards.
- Owners must keep weeds under control and ensure they don't spread from the property including tall weeds and grass from their property line to the midpoint of the alley.

As the weather starts to warm up,

Calgarians move outside to enjoy our yards includingour lawns, shrubs and trees. While plant life provides many benefits, there are some practical things to think about:



# Lower Prices Than Big Box Stores

