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## Community Newsletter



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## **SECA President's Report**

## With your support and participation SECA will continue to have a bright future!

In recent years, SECA has focussed largely on managing the community impacts resulting from the sale of the golf course and the associated housing and commercial developments. While this remains one of our focus area, we are now looking towards nurturing a more connected, engaged and neighbourly community.

SECA operates community events such as our recent community clean-up, our Easter egg hunt, and our flagship Stampede Breakfast. We are also in the enviable position of having a re-occurring casino volunteer opportunity and we maintain a healthy bank balance thanks, in large part, to prior casino earnings. Your participation on the Board is needed to preserve these community activities and to help decide how to best invest our money back into our neighbourhood.

SECA is looking for diverse voices from all parts of our community to help lead our community association forward. We need your voice, your input, and your participation on the Board of Directors.

The following roles need to be filled: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Coordinator, Membership Coordinator, and Directors at Large. To learn more about these roles, please contact Lynn lobe at ljobe.afl@gmail.com or (403) 606-2406.

Sincerely,

Brad Smith President, SECA





Artisans in quilting, knitting, crocheting, card making, as well as a "do-as-you-wish" table meet to learn and practice their art in a community setting. No experience is required. Come and learn from instructors, obtain advice, but mostly enjoy the company of women across the ages, make friends, and have a personal time out!

We meet on Wednesday mornings from 09:00 to 11:00. Ourcurrent session started Wednesday, September 12th and ends November 28th. Registration is preferred, but drop in is available, babysitting supplied. Please contact Lori at McDougall United Church 403-252-1620

McDougall United Church, 8516 Athabasca Street S.E. (No religious content, nondenominational)



## **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
- 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 South Fish Creek

Recreation 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 possible

- 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



## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2018/19) SEND EMAIL TO: info@shawneeevergreen.ca

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## MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

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 1W5

Household Information (Held in confidence):		
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 ( • ) your choice as a volunteer: Board of Directors member Stampede Breakfast Helper Don't know, ask me!		
Payment (\$20.00): Cash:	Cheque #	

## 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. BUY A MEMBERSHIP TODAY!



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HALLOWEEN ATTRACTION

Low scare 2 – 4 pm Full scare 6 - 10 pm

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What lurks in Calgary, boiling just below the surface of our quiet, friendly city? The cesspool of human society: a ghoulish collection of creeps who would make your skin crawl and your stomach turn. Evil so wicked that even the most macabre will shudder. The promise of fresh victims calls to these soulless entities as they gather at Calgary's Halloween tradition in the northwest community of

Haunted Calgary's approximately 10,000 square foot walk-through haunted yard attraction has been designed, built, and operated by volunteers for the enjoyment of the community for over 25 years. With a cast of approximately 60 actors, some Hollywood-scale animatronic monsters, and uniquely handcrafted sets, the

The attraction gives back to the community in many ways. Seasoned volunteers offer hands-on training for youth, women, and under-served populations, include safe power tool operation, basic construction skills, painting and set design, acting, special effects makeup, administration and customer service, etc. Those interested in volunteering can visit www.hauntedcalgary.org for more information.

Haunted Calgary raises funds for animal rescue and food for the food bank through its gate admissions. Cash, Visa, MasterCard, Debit Tap, Google Pay, and Apple Pay will be accepted at the gate.

Haunted Calgary brings the community together, attracting over 5,000 visitors over three nights and for many has become an annual family Halloween tradition. The "Low Scare" during daylight hours features few to no actors and less spooky lighting for the little ones and the faint of heart. But if you're brave enough, we highly recommend you visit during full scare hours in the evening. Parental discretion is advised.

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## TRICK-OR-TREATING TIPS

## A MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERATION OF CALGARY COMMUNITIES



Halloween can be a fun and exciting event for both kids and adults alike. Below are some informative tips to increase all our safety on October 31.

### **RESIDENTS:**

- Turn on outdoor lights and replace burnt-out bulbs.
- Clear a path from the road to your front door and remove any potential obstacles or tripping hazards.
- Keep your pets safe. Confine animals indoors away from the unfamiliar (and spooky) guests at the front door.
- Beware of potential food allergies; consider alternative goodies.
- If you're driving be cautious of Goblins, Ghouls and Ghosts out and about in your neighbourhood.

## **PARENTS:**

- Costumes should be short enough to avoid tripping; and be light coloured to be easily seen at night. Having your child wear reflective tape will also help them be better seen by drivers.
- Use non-toxic makeup for the costume instead of masks as they can reduce visibility for your child.
- Create an easy to follow route with your children and teenagers.
- Travel in groups of three or four. Young children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Practice crosswalk safety. Make your way up one side of the street and cross to the other side looking both ways, don't criss-cross back and forth.
- Double-check you child's goodie bags to ensure everything is safe to eat.

## **REMEMBER:**

Connect with neighbours! Halloween is a great reason to familiarize and engage with your community.

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## Check out these important updates from The City of Calgary

When cannabis is legalized on October 17, it will be illegal in Calgary to consume non-medical cannabis in any form in public places, except for designated cannabis consumption areas. Visit **calgary.ca/cannabis** to learn more.

Help us build Calgary together by joining the conversation. We've launched new notices that better inform you about land use and development applications in your community. Our new notices are simple, informative and engaging. Take a peek or learn more: calgary.ca/noticeposting

You can learn more about any land use change or development applications in your community by visiting calgary.ca/development

The Shepard Landfill summer hours will continue until October 28. Visit calgary.ca/landfill for details.

The Calgary Partners for Safety will patrol streets on October 31 from 6 to 8pm to keep your little ghouls and goblins safe while they trick-or-treat. More than 600 vehicles will be on Calgary's streets providing high-visibility assistance for anyone enjoying Halloween fun. Visit calgary.ca/halloweensafety

When it comes to residential and household leaks, toilets, faucets and outdoor irrigation are the most common culprits, although any water using device can leak. For more information on leaks and how to fix them visit **calgary.ca/waterleaks**.

The City of Calgary offers hundreds of artistic and creative programs for all ages, interests and abilities. Discover your inner artist, visit **calgary.ca/register**.

The City's Fall Recreation Program Guide has hundreds of fun and affordable activities to help your family get more active. Registration is now open. Visit calgary.ca/register

After school programs are offered by The City of Calgary for FREE or low cost. Youth are provided positive, fun and supervised programs across Calgary. Learn more at calgary.ca/afterschool.

DIVE IN Movies are back this fall at Southland Leisure Centre. Join the fun on Sat. Oct. 27 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Visit calgary.ca/southland.

Free Haunting Halloween party at Village Square Leisure Centre. Bring your little ones to this family event on Wednesday, Oct 31 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Visit calgary.ca/villagesquare



## You Can Make A Difference!

This Christmas, make a donation close



to home. Buy a Gift Card for one of your neighbours who is going through difficult times.

SouthWest Communities Resource Centre

Did you know that I in 10 residents

in south west Calgary are living in poverty and there are families in our communities who have not yet recovered from the recent recession?

Many of these families have found their way to the SouthWest Communities Resource Centre for assistance. Located in the Oakridge Coop Plaza on Southland Drive we provide support with basic needs for families in 28 communities south of Glenmore Trail. Thousands of our neighbours live at or below the poverty level, and struggle to place nutritious and regular meals on their plates. At the SouthWest Communities Resource Centre, we believe that every member of the community is valuable and together we can make a difference. The next time you are purchasing groceries, consider picking up an extra gift card for a family in need this Christmas.

- A gift of \$25.00 will buy milk and bread over the holidays for a family of 4
- A gift of \$50.00 will buy meat and vegetables to serve a family of 4
- A gift of \$100.00 will allow a family to purchase groceries for their holiday celebrations
- A gift of \$250 will make the holidays of small gifts and groceries.

### To make a donation:

- Drop by our office and receive a charitable tax receipt for any
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- Visit our website for an online donation: www.swcrc.ca
- Contact our office for more information at 403 238-9222 or
- info@swcrc.ca



## Be a good neighbour:

keep your property tidy during seasonal change

If you are new to the city, a long-term Calgarian, homeowner or tenant looking for more information about your responsibilities within your neighbourhood as the seasons change, The City of Calgary Good Neighbour Practices Reference Guide will get you started. The guide includes general information about bylaws pertaining to your property and includes standards for property maintenance year-round.

Owners/residents are responsible for ensuring their properties remain tidy. As a result, the storage of any materials on a residential lot must not be visible from outside the property.

### This includes:

- loose garbage
- yard waste (fallen leaves)
- bottles and cans
- household furniture
- · packaging materials
- machinery
- equipment or
- automobile parts and appliances

In addition, when stored outside, refrigerators and freezers must be locked or have the doors removed.

Visit **calgary.ca/goodneighbour** to download the guide in English, French, simple and traditional Chinese, Punjabi and Tagalog, or contact 311 for more information.

## **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
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Suicide Crisis Line	1.800.784.2433
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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
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## Jason Kenney, MLA Calgary-Lougheed

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## REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITIES OF BRIDLEWOOD, EVERGREEN, WOODBINE & WOODLANDS

In addition to serving Leader of the Official Opposition, I am proud to represent the good people of Calgary-Lougheed in Alberta's Legislature. Here are some recent highlights:

**PREPARING FOR SESSION:** I had a great time this summer, attending a number of local events. As many of you know, this is one of my favourite parts of the job. It's also one of the most important, because it affords me the opportunity to connect with folks like you, one-on-one, and listen to your thoughts and your concerns.

Gathering local input is one of my top priorities, because it allows me to speak with confidence when representing our constituency inside and outside the Legislature. There is no question that grassroots democracy takes time. It also takes a firm commitment to listening to all constituents, regardless of political affiliation. However, in my experience, it is well worth the effort because no single person, party, expert, or interest group has a monopoly on good ideas.

As summer comes to an end, our UCP team is now preparing for the next session at the Legislature, slated to begin October 29th. Our caucus team met Sept. 13th-15th to begin planning for session. With a provincial election coming soon, I think we can expect some passionate debate in the weeks ahead, as we present our vision for the province. My hope is that all parties will keep the focus on building a stronger province, and avoid the unnecessary mudslinging that distracts from the business of government.

**GETTING FOLKS BACK TO WORK:** I have been clear that my top priority is getting Alberta's economy back on track, and getting Albertans back to work in full-time, mortgage-paying jobs. Over the course of the recent recession, Alberta lost tens of thousands of full-time, private sector jobs. And, unlike previous recessions, this time the recovery has been slower and more painful for most regions of the province.

One of the most common questions I get from people is: What should we do about it? My view is that government's role is to help create a competitive economy, where people and businesses are free to do what they do best. For employers across Alberta, there are too many barriers to growth, be it taxes, rising Employment Insurance and CPP contributions, a carbon tax that makes it more expensive to keep the lights on, or bureaucratic red tape. The government needs to understand that when you're stuck in a hole the first thing you should do is stop digging.

Government also needs to start taking a leadership role in encouraging free trade between provinces, opening new markets internationally, and bringing investment back to Alberta. The Trans

Mountain pipeline fiasco is just one example. The paper approval given by the Trudeau Liberals, and celebrated

extensively by the Alberta NDP, was recently quashed in a court ruling. A complete lack of leadership by the federal Liberal government has left taxpayers on the hook for this project, which has now been delayed indefiniely. Meanwhile, the NDP's so-called "social license" scheme lies in tatters, unable to even convince the BC NDP government and federal NDP colleagues to get on board with the much-needed pipeline. Albertans deserve better.

BLACK RIBBON DAY: On Aug. 23rd, our UCP caucus joined governments across North America, Europe, and the world in recognizing Black Ribbon Day. The date marks the 79th anniversary of the Nazi-Soviet signing of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact in 1939. The pact stripped numerous countries in Eastern and Central Europe of their autonomy, allowing millions of people to be stripped of their basic human rights under Nazi and Communist rule. As Canadians, we have a duty to help protect freedom, democracy, human rights, and the rule of law at home and around the world. Black Ribbon Day, officially designated by Canadian Parliament in 2009, is just one way we can help preserve the lesson of history.

**CONTACT:** As an elected MLA, my first duty is to represent you. If you have questions, concerns, or just want to share your thoughts with me, please feel free to reach out to my Constituency Office (311A, 2525 Woodview Dr. SW), email calgary.lougheed@assembly.ab.ca or call 403 238-1212. Sincerely,

MLA Jason Kenney, Calgary Lougheed Official Opposition Leader



## The Bobcat

## Alberta's Smallest Wild Cat

The Bobcat (Lynx rufus or Felis rufus) is a very adaptable animal that is widely distributed in North American. Locally it has expanded its range into populated areas, even into residential areas in cities as large as Calgary. These small wild cats are found in somewhat warmer climates than some of their larger kin (the lynx and cougar). Like other wild cats, they are strong, silent hunters living and hunting among rocks and bushes, and in well treed areas. Generally, they are rarely seen by people when in more remote environments, although the city dwellers are more likely to be "caught" going about their daily activities by observant humans.

Bobcats range from 12 to 24 inches high (30-60 cm), and 25 to 32 inches long (64-82 cm). They weigh just 15 to 35 pounds (6.8 to 16 kg), with the female being somewhat smaller than the male. Most Bobcats are grey to brown with dark spots (for camouflage), with a white underbelly and short, black-tipped tail. The cat is named for its tail, which appears to be cut or "bobbed." They have well whiskered faces, black tufted ears and longer back than front legs.

If you find an injured or orphaned wild bird or animal, please contact the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society at 403.214.1312 for tips, instructions and advice, or look at the website at www. calgarywildlife.org for more information.

 $\sim$  J.G. Turner



### Fun Facts:

- Bobcats are territorial, solitary and nocturnal. They are dawn/dusk (crepuscular) hunters. The animals they hunt are generally easy to catch, such as rabbits and hares, but they will also eat other small animals (mice, squirrels) and birds (including geese and swans).
- Bobcats have to catch their prey taking advantage of the element of surprise, stalking them or lying in wait, jumping and grabbing them with their teeth in just a few long bounds. They can jump up to 12 feet.
- Bobcats can run short distances at speeds up to 40 to 50 kph (25 to 30 mph).
- Wild cats like the Bobcat don't chew their meat. They slice off chunks with their sharp teeth and swallow the pieces whole.
- Bobcats mark their territories with claw marks, urine sprays and feces.
- Bobcat females are called a 'queen,' the male a 'tom,' and the young are 'kittens.' Bobcats have litters of one to eight kittens, usually in the spring.
- Lifespan in the wild is from 7 to 10 years. The oldest wild Bobcat on record was 16 years old, and in captivity 32 years.
- Bobcats do not pose a threat to humans and are easy to co-exist with.



## Councillor Diane's City Hall Update

## **Councillor Diane Colley-Urquhart**

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Website: CouncillorDiane.ca
Twitter/Instagram: @BigRedYYC - FB: Facebook.com/dianecu

## I was honored to meet these amazing police officers from the Ukraine at the IAWPC in August.

## INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN POLICE CONFERENCE 2018

In August, the Calgary Police Service hosted the International Association of Women in Police Conference, which I was honored to attend as Deputy Mayor. Over 800 delegates from 70 different countries visited our City, and it was my great pleasure to welcome them. I want to sincerely thank the women and men of the CPS who have worked so diligently over the past two years in planning this outstanding conference. This year's theme was "Leading Change" – and it was so important. What starts here can change the world.



### UPDATE ON CANNABIS LEGALIZATION

On October 17, 2018 the consumption and sale of cannabis will be legalized nationally. As such, The City of Calgary has worked to create new Bylaws, procedures, and practices to ensure that the consumption and sale of cannabis is done safely and responsibly throughout the City.

## **Cannabis Public Consumption Information**

Public consumption of cannabis is prohibited in all forms (smoking, vaping, and edibles) in the vast majority of Calgary's public spaces. This regulation is reflective of the concerns that Calgarians have expressed.

However, not all citizens have access to private property on which to consume cannabis. Because landlord and tenant agreements, condo bylaws, and hotel rules can prohibit cannabis consumption, some citizens and visitors to Calgary may not have a legal place to consume. To that end, the Cannabis Consumption Bylaw allows Council to approve designated areas where cannabis may be smoked, vaped, or otherwise consumed in specific public places.

**Designated cannabis consumption areas** are to help alleviate lack of access to a permissible place to consume legal cannabis while also considering the overall well-being of communities.

Four proposed consumption areas were available for public review between August 27th to September 7th:

- I. Inglewood: Green space at 11 Ave SE between 11th and 12th St.
- 2. Inglewood: Green space adjacent to Wildlands parking lot on 9th Ave SE, past 22nd St.
- 3. Bridgeland: Murdoch Park, on the southern end of 7A St. NE.
- 4. Ogden: Green space located north of the shopping plaza at Glenmore Tr and Ogden Rd SE.

After hearing significant engagement from the community, Council made the decision to scrap all four locations.

Ward 9 Councillor Gian-Carlo Carra, who proposed those locations, stated, "This really is only going to work if there's a diffuse network of these things and you don't concentrate them". As such, Council still has the ability to start the process again to consider other areas in the future, however it won't be in time for the legalization date.

### **Cannabis Business Information**

All Cannabis Stores are required to obtain development permits and business permits from Planning and Development and the AGLC, respectively. There is **no input** during the approval stage from the Councillors Office, Council, Community Associations, or residents. Cannabis businesses can open officially at 10:00 am on October 17, 2018.



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## **Community Civic Chat**

## Graham Sucha, MLA Calgary-Shaw

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## **New Standards**

You may have heard that new provincial standards have been announced to improve public safety by making 911 service more consistent across Alberta. The 911 system in Alberta is currently led at the local level. Municipalities will continue to deliver and run 911 services, however the standards will create a more consistent approach. For example the government has mandated that centres have backup procedures to ensure 24/7 service in case of an outage or disruption. Performance targets have also been set to require calls be answered within 15 seconds and transferred within 60 seconds. I believe all Albertans should receive quality 911 service no matter where in the province they live.

## **Back in Edmonton**

The Legislative Assembly will be resuming at the end of this month and it is my duty to make sure your concerns are addressed in Edmonton. When session resumes my top priority will be creating stable, full-time jobs for Albertans. Alberta will be a leader when it comes to economic growth this year and next. The 2019 forecast has been revised upward to 2.7 per cent GDP growth. The number of rigs drilling in Alberta was up 6.7 per cent year-to-date. In other oil-producing provinces, the measure was down 9.7 per cent. Total revenue projections have grown by \$1.2 billion with personal income tax revenues and resource royalties recovering better than expected. This is great news but there is still a lot of work to be done.

# **FION ACTIVITIES**

## 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/recreationdeals.

## TERRIFIC TUESDAYS AT SOUTHLAND LEISURE CENTRE

Tuesdays, 4 - 10 p.m. Come join us for 50% off regular admission. Waterpark access begins at 7 p.m. All ages. Visit calgary.ca/southland.

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

Toys in the Waterpark from 7 - 9 p.m. Anyone age 7 and up can try them out. General admission applies. Visit calgary. ca/southland.

### **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. Visit calgary.ca/ southland.

### SOCCER DROP-IN

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the 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, 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.



## HELP KIDS FIND A SPORT THEY LOVE

Participating in organized sports is a great way for kids to get active and make new friends, but how do you know which activity is right for them? Follow the tips below to make finding a sport they love a little easier.

### TAKE THEM TO A GAME.

Live sporting events are fun. Attend a game together and let them get engrossed in the action. This provides an opportunity for kids to learn about a sport and imagine themselves in the excitement. Whether it is at the professional or amateur level, watching a sport live can peak a kid's interest and inspire them to take part.

## **TEST OUT DIFFERENT**

**OPTIONS.** Rather than risk dragging your kids to practices or games they have no interest in for an entire season, an alternative is an introductory program that allows them to try a sport a couple of times without taking on significant fees or a long-term commitment.

## GET INVOLVED. Once enrolled, you can keep kids engaged by getting involved yourself. Travel to out-of-town tournaments when you can, help with fundraising efforts and volunteer when needed. If your children see that you care about the team, they are more likely to be excited and keep playing thanks to your support.

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