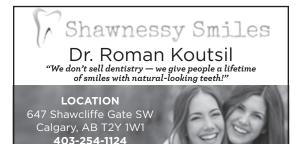
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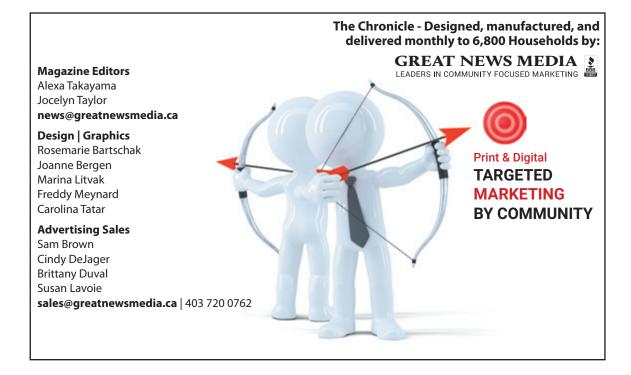
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Happy New Year!

By the time you read this update our first ever **Community Campfire** will have happened. Hopefully the weather was fine, and a good-sized group gathered on December 29th at the Evergreen Drive park. Watch for more campfire events at different locations, perhaps even monthly, as part of our work to build a more neighbourly community.

Our **Beautification Committee** has launched. They are starting off by exploring the wrapping garbage bins and utility boxes. If you have additional ideas and are interested in this work, please let us know as with more energy, this committee could accomplish more. Remember to come out to **Neighbour Nights** at the Coach and Horses Ale Room near Sobey's on January 16th from 7 to 9 PM. We are generally there the third Thursday of the month. Watch our e-newsletter and Facebook page for updates as we do skip some months due to holidays, etc.



Our **children's programming** is forging ahead with great success and will grow in 2020 thanks to an energetic volunteer spearheading this work (play@shawneeevergreen.ca). We have received several requests for **adult and senior programs**. SECA is keen to support programming for these groups and with a volunteer or two to assist with coordination, we could make it happen.

SECA's 2020 plans include the Stampede Breakfast, Community Clean-up and Fun Day. The 2nd annual Fun Day is a joint event with surrounding communities. One event that won't happen in 2020 is the Easter Egg Hunt. Instead, we invite you and your family connect with neighbours at our Community Campfires to enjoy some hot chocolate, smores and soak-in the magical atmosphere that a campfire creates.

Graywood Developments has made an application to rezone part of their land near the Beacon Hill condos. Originally zoned for townhomes, they are seeking zoning that would permit rental apartments, a senior's home and commercial spaces which could include a gas station and convenience store or strip mall. Parts of their land may be sold off to a third party. At this time (December 10), the SECA Board has not been provided with details related to lot coverage, size and height of buildings, commercial lighting, etc. and without this information it is difficult for us to provide informed feedback to Planning at the City of Calgary. A public engagement session has been promised and SECA will keep residents informed about this rezoning application as it progresses.

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Fish Creek Community Showcase Meet the Artist Event – Friday, January 10 from 6:30-8pm

The art of Bettina Seiger will run until March 27 at the Cookhouse at the Bow Valley Ranch

Bettina Sieger is a recent graduate of Alberta University of the Arts, formerly known as ACAD. Bettina considers herself a Bio Artist and Environmentalist and her passion is to bring awareness to environmental concerns. She has been studying our waterways and the effects that the toxic blue-green algae blooms or HABS have on our ecosystems and human health. She has a diverse range of skills from drawing, charcoal, ceramics, and sculpture but her experience is predominantly in painting and watercolor. Bettina truly believes that art is meant to be shared, and her intent is to have art meets science in the hopes to bring the public a better understanding of what is in their waterways and more importantly their drinking water. Drop by the Cookhouse starting in January and meet the artist on January 10. To register for this free event, please visit https://friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/fccs

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Winter Birding Course

12-week course runs January 6 – March 29

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Fish Creek Meet Up Walks

These informal outings will take place at 2:00pm on the second Sunday of each month, meeting at a different location in Fish Creek Provincial Park each time. Fish Creek Meetups will be informal group walks with no registration, fees or facilitators. Just Friends getting to know Friends while walking through this beautiful park. All are welcome. Specific dates and meeting locations can be found at *https://friendsoffishcreek.org/event/meetups/all*

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DOMINATING THE RAT RACE Chinese Zodiac Mythology



by Alexa Takayama

This year, Chinese New Year falls in the same month as the western calendar's New Year, so I figured I'd take advantage of this unusual stroke of coincidence by talking about some of the mythology behind the Chinese New Year.

This year marks the Year of the Rat—an animal from the Chinese zodiac. The Chinese zodiac has twelve animals: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Ram, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig. Each is assigned to a year rather than a month. There are some similarities to the Western zodiac in that being born in the year of a certain animal is supposed to determine aspects of your personality but that's not what I'm going to focus on. Instead, let me tell you the story of how these animals were selected.

The Jade Emperor (a Daoist deity) made a decree that he would name the years after animals in the order that they reached him. And in order to reach him, they were required to cross a river. Thirteen animals answered the challenge. The cleverest were the Rat and the Cat, but neither were very good at swimming. Both decided to take advantage of the good-natured Ox by riding on its back, who agreed to take them across out of kindness. Halfway across the river, the cunning Rat pushed the Cat off the Ox's back and it was swept away in the current. After they arrived at the far bank, the Rat jumped off the Ox's back and ran up to the Jade Emperor. Thus, the Rat and the Ox were the first and second animals.

Next came the Tiger. While a very powerful animal, the Tiger had been pushed downstream by the currents, delaying its arrival. Next, the Rabbit arrived. It had crossed the river by finding a spot where it could jump stone to stone. But it had slipped into the river and seized hold of a floating log, which drifted to the far bank. Fifth, was the Dragon. The Jade Emperor asked why a flying creature had taken so long to cross the river. The Dragon explained that it had stopped by a village to bring rain, and then on its way to the Emperor, it had seen the Rabbit clinging to the log. Out of compassion, it brought a gust of wind to blow the log ashore.

Then the animals turned to see the Horse galloping up. As it did so, the Snake fell out of its hoof, where it had been hiding. Startled, the Horse leapt back, allowing the Snake to slither forth and beat the Horse to the Emperor, making them the sixth and seventh animals.

Next, the Ram, Monkey, and Rooster arrived. They had worked together and made it across the river. The Rooster had found a raft, and the Ram and Monkey had pulled weeds out of the water to ease the crossing. The Ram, Monkey, and Rooster became the eight, ninth, and tenth animals respectively.

Lagging behind, the Dog came in eleventh. While it should've been a strong swimmer and a fast runner, it had gotten distracted by playing in the water.

Just as the Emperor was going to declare the race complete, the Pig trotted in. When asked, the Pig admitted that partway through the race, it had gotten hungry, and then fallen asleep after filling its stomach. It arrived in the nick of time.

The Cat never completed the race. Sadly, it had drowned in the river; it's for this reason that cats hunt and kill rats and also why they hate water.

Happy Chinese New Year! May it be a prosperous Year of the Rat for you.

Walking Your Pet in Wint

by Jennifer L. Scott B.Sc., D.V.M.

Well, those people who forecast these things say we are starting a long cold winter in Calgary. I don't always want to walk my dog, but he is ready and willing. Most dogs are amazingly well equipped to deal with the cold weather, but not every breed or individual can deal with this kind of cold without precautions.

When dogs first walk on the cold snow you often see them limp or hold a paw up as they run around. Then given some time they seem to become more comfortable. A dog's pads are equipped with a very effective heat exchange system. Once the paw's blood vessels adjust to the cold, and if the pad is dry and healthy, the average dog can tolerate most very cold surfaces. Smaller dogs tend to be less tolerant than large breeds,

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but there are exceptions to the large dog group. Dogs with long guard hairs and thick downy undercoats like shepherds and huskies do fine, but dogs with short fine fur like Dobermans or Weimaraners have little tolerance for cold. Fortunately, pet stores stock doggie coats from your basic knitted sweater to fine sartorial splendor depending on the taste of the human companion.

Some people believe a mat of hair over the dog's foot pads will protect them. Or they'll justify the whole dog getting a thick unkempt matted coat saying it will keep them warm. Not true. Matted fur on the paws tends to stay wet, collect ice balls, and hold chemicals such as de-icing agents and salt against the skin. A dog's paws will adjust to the cold more effectively if the hair is kept reasonably short and clean. After walks rinse and dry your pet's feet if you suspect he has walked through chemicals. Matted coats get wet, stay wet, and have no ability to insulate your pet. Well-groomed coats insulate from cold in winter and heat in summer.

Some dogs just can't tolerate cold paws no matter what you do. Consider booties for these individuals. Booties and mukluks come in all shapes and sizes for dogs. It is important that the boot breath and not compromise the blood flow to the paw. Online pet stores and local pet stores carry an array of boots for dogs. If you have a large active pet that will need heavy-duty boots you may want to consider custom-made footwear.

Along with their fur keep your pet's nails clipped. In our winters, nails may split as your pet goes in and out from the cold and damp and nails may benefit from supplements such as omega fatty acids or fish oils.

My old Labrador would push through the roughest ground cover on the scent of a bird, but in the city he had very sensitive feet and could not tolerate rock salt on his paws at all. Nor would he tolerate boots. I used a paw wax on his feet. Applied to the pad these waxes seal the paw and protect the skin from ice and chemicals. They also protect the pads from cracking with dryness as the dogs go in and out. If your dog tolerates his feet touched the paw waxes are very easy to use. Vaseline is a cheap alternative but lasts only a short time outside and can pick up unwanted dirt.

Darkness comes earlier in the winter, there are some great lights you can attach to your pet's collar to make sure you and others see him in off-leash parks. If you do cut back on exercise and walks with your pet in intensely cold weather, cut back on the calories going in the bowl too! Like us, weight on our pets is easier to keep off than take off. Finally remember, like us, as dogs become elderly or arthritic, they may require more protection from the elements than they did in their prime. Be as conscious of a senior pet potentially slipping on the ice as you would be of an elderly relative.

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Coming soon, I am excited to announce that there will be a revamp with my monthly community newsletters. To make it more convenient for you to access, we will be moving to an online format, easily accessible at www.CouncillorDiane. ca. Please stay tuned for the launch!





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Our government has already kept 38% of the commitments made in our platform despite being only 12% through our mandate as a government. When we say we're going to do something, we get it done.

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We scrapped the carbon tax with our first bill, The Carbon Tax Repeal Act.

Our Job Creation Tax Cut will give Alberta the lowest taxes in Canada, and economists estimate that it will create 55,000 jobs that will get our province working again.

We have created the Canadian Energy Centre which will stand up and defend the responsible energy industry that creates prosperity right here at home, and all across Canada.

We've created the Indigenous Opportunities Corporation to empower our First Nations communities to become partners in that prosperity, and a new litigation fund to ensure that those pro-resource First Nations are no longer ignored in the courts and media.

We've heard from the MacKinnon Panel that our spending is out of control, and we brought in a budget that will get our province back on track, and back to balance by the year 2022-2023. We are ending the irresponsible mortgage on our future that previous governments imposed, to secure high-quality public services that we can rely on for generations to come.

And, we've done so much more.

So, as we look forward to 2020, we can look forward to a new year that will see this government continue to implement the platform that was endorsed by 1,040,004 Albertans just a few short months ago. We will work relentlessly to get Alberta back to work and return our province to its place as the engine of prosperity in Canada. And we will fight for an Alberta that always remains true to its roots, an Alberta that is Strong and Free.

Happy New Year! I hope you're as excited for 2020 as I am!



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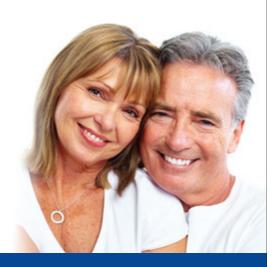
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