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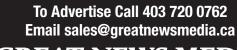












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# I po Not Like Green Eggs...and Cash?

Dr. Seuss' famous book, *Green Eggs and Ham*, is one of the most easily recognizable works of children's literature today. Did you know, however, that it was created as the result of a fifty-dollar bet? Dr. Seuss and his editor at Random House made a bet that Seuss could not create a book with fewer than fifty different words. Seuss won, as the book contains exactly fifty words.



#### A MESSAGE FROM THE SHAWNEE EVERGREEN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

"While the COVID pandemic pushes us apart physically, the crisis has sparked a newfound appreciation for, and desire to live in, a real community. We have grown to miss those casual conversations with our neighbours and have also come to realize just how important it is to know our neighbours and to look out for each other." (13ways.ca)

This quote caught my attention as SECA has been working towards "creating a more neighbourly community where people have a sense of pride and belonging". Based on the quote above, it looks like SECA is heading in the right direction!

As you know, our annual Stampede Breakfast has been cancelled due to the pandemic. Fingers crossed we'll be able to go ahead with the Family Fun Day on September 12, co-hosting with Calgary Evergreen and Shawnessy Community Associations. We're also looking forward to a few more Community Campfires and getting back into our SECA Plays programs. It all depends upon how the pandemic progresses and what the province and City determine is safe for us. We'll keep you posted.

Are you a SECA member? If you haven't already done so, now is the time to join or renew by going to our membership page at Shawnee-Evergreen.ca. You may join online via your Paypal account or with a credit card. E-transfers or a cheque are options, too. Thank you to those who have already sent in their \$20. Our expenses are down slightly but we still have many fixed costs to cover through membership fees, so we appreciate your support.

New - Community Partners. This new program is a way for SECA to assist local business (#SupportLocalYYC) and for the businesses to support our community by offering discounts to SECA members. Our first four Community Partners are: Raintech Irrigation, Raintech Home Services, iDrive Alberta Driver Education and AID IT Services. We'd like to add several more partners as a benefit to SECA membership. Businesses can email yogeshdua@yahoo.com to learn more.

SECA Plays - Laura Alwast, a third-year practicum student from MRU assisted the SECA Plays initiative by observing and reporting on several children's events and by collecting parent perspectives via a survey and interviews. The Board received her final presentation. It was lovely to hear her many very positive comments about the quality of the programs. Laura's valuable insights will inform future programming. Thanks to the parents who generously volunteered their time to support Laura's project.

Graywood Development's Land Use Amendment updates are available via our e-newsletter and Facebook or by emailing our Director of Development at Norm@view-our-homes.com.

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A final reflection about COVID-19 from 13ways.ca: "If this tragic event has a silver lining, it is that we have a chance to right our path and go back to building real communities where people belong rather than subdivisions where people are housed. Community is what makes us stronger and has allowed humanity to survive challenges and flourish time and again. People are stronger when they work together. Community is the foundation of our strength. We have always said that community building is the single most important job anywhere. It is time to build your community."

It's time to come together. Volunteers are always welcome to assist SECA in building our community.

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#### **CRIME STATISTICS**

#### Shawnessy Crime Activity was Unchanged in April 2020

The Shawnessy community experienced 13 crimes in April 2020, in comparison to 13 crimes the previous month, and 26 crimes in April one year ago. Shawnessy experiences an average of 17.7 crimes per month. On an annual basis, Shawnessy experienced a total of 212 crimes as of April 2020, which is down 2% in comparison to 217 crimes as of April 2019. To review the full Shawnessy Crime report visit shaw.mycalgary.com

#### Shawnee Slopes Crime Activity was Unchanged in April 2020

The Shawnee Slopes community experienced 1 crime in April 2020, in comparison to 0 crimes the previous month, and 2 crimes in April one year ago. Shawnee Slopes experiences an average of 2.5 crimes per month. On an annual basis, Shawnee Slopes experienced a total of 30 crimes as of April 2020, which is down 40% in comparison to 50 crimes as of April 2019. To review the full Shawnee Slopes Crime report visit shsl.mycalgary.com

#### Millrise Crime Activity was Up in April 2020

The Millrise community experienced 6 crimes in April 2020, in comparison to 4 crimes the previous month, and 2 crimes in April one year ago. Millrise experiences an average of 7.3 crimes per month. On an annual basis, Millrise experienced a total of 88 crimes as of April 2020, which is up 4% in comparison to 85 crimes as of April 2019. To review the full Millrise Crime report visit mill. mycalgary.com

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- Provides SECA members with a 10% discount on Cardel Rec Centre South programs
- Provides a director for Trico Centre for Family Wellness
- Works with Cardel Homes, Graywood Developments and the City to try 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 Fish Creek Lacombe LRT station
- Involved with the City in transportation issues (e.g. SW Ring Road, traffic and safety issues, etc.) that impact our community
- Address speeding and other traffic issues within our community (e.g. Shawnee Drive SW and 6 Str. SW intersection)

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#### RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES



The weather is changing in Calgary and with our options for exercise limited this year, many people want to get outside with their pets. A few clients over the years have asked about acquiring a canine running partner, so let's start at the beginning.

But before we start, there is a city bylaw forbidding people to bicycle with a leashed dog ... and it's cruel. This week, with the weather warming, I have seen people biking with brachiocephalic boxers, short-legged fat little dogs, and many others. I know many people are going to have a reason why it's okay with their particular dog, but they haven't seen the dogs veterinarians treat following this activity.

If you intend to seriously run with your pet, some breeds make better partners. Just like people with long lean body types, your dog breed should be similar. You want a lean frame, long legs, and stamina. Border collies, whippets, Australian Shepherds, and Brittany spaniels tend to make good running pals. Most Rottweilers tend to have too heavy a build. Giant breeds and toy breeds are not a good choice, nor is a dog like a boxer with a pushed in brachiocephalic nose. You don't want a dog with a heavy coat. For those of us with lesser aspirations for distance running, just looking for some exercise, these considerations aren't as important.

How's your pet's general health? Is your pet overweight or arthritic? No dog with severe hip dysplasia or spinal issues is going to run marathons.

Your pup needs to be fully grown with its growth plates closed if you're going to push the limits. Gradually buildup to the distances you expect to go.

Paws also need to be toughened up to tolerate longdistance running. Pavement can wear soft paw pads down to bleeding. Gravel can also cause damage in the long haul. Toughen your dog's paws up along with his stamina.

Do not run a dog in heat. Cool mornings or evenings are better. Is there smoke from fires west of Calgary in the air? A dog loses excess heat by panting so it is more sensitive to the smoke in the air. Your dog is tied to you so if he becomes overheated or stressed it is difficult for a welltrained dog to say "Hey, I gotta stop!" Remember to keep your pet well-hydrated. He needs his own water bottle!

How will your dog be leashed? A halter type head piece may rub with long distances. A collar may not give you enough control. Your dog does need to be trained to run with you so you don't get injured by a dash across your feet or into the road. I had a Boston marathon running relative laid up with a broken leg by her dog dashing in front of her after a squirrel.

Ultimately, you need to use your common sense if you want to acquire a canine running partner. Those rules that apply to you for your well-being probably apply to your pet. Safe running and enjoy the summer.

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

## Wines with Dick Mcdougall

Dick McDougall, WSET 3, Fine Vintage Certified is a high school calculus teacher and a self-employed sommelier in Calgary





### It's All Greek To Me

In the spring, I find it refreshing to take a break from the usual suspects and look at some unique grape varietals from the Balkans for some new perspective. What better place to dabble in than the cradle of Western Civilization, the Hellenic Republic? Greece has been making wines for about 6,500 years, to Dionysian approval.

I have always been fascinated by Retsina, an inexpensive white that derives its unique flavour from pine resin used 2000 years ago to seal wine amphorae for long-term storage. Though no longer necessary as a sealant, the resin has now become an integral part of the fermentation

process. Kechris Kechribari Retsina is made from Roditis and gives incredible value. Kechris "Tear of the Pine" Retsina, made from Assyrtiko, is a game changer that shows great ageing ability, complexity and expression. Why not try the two together with hummus and cured meats?

The 2105 Strofilia Mountain Fish Agiorgitiko was a pleasant surprise for me. Grown in a mountainous region at 800 metres adds a floral fragrance and fresh acidity to the wine I find compelling. It has a bright cherry palate with some black plum on the finish. Not surprisingly, you may want to pair it with an oily fish, but my first thought was a pizza with anchovies.

The 2012 Boutari Grande Reserve Naoussa is my Olympic Gold. You pour and see the hints of garnet about the rim, so you are thinking Barolo. At first sip, you are hit with a powerful combination of acidity, tannic backbone and heat. Your mouth both waters and dries immediately. Yet this is not the Nebbiolo grape of Barolo but the Xinomavro grape of Naoussa. The flavour profile of cooked plum, fig, baking spice and nuts will stand up to any meal of wild game. As the saying goes, Go for the Gold!

These wines are all available locally and can be found by using the Liquor Connect website at www. liquorconnect.com.

## **OMG**, Churchill!

Although the use of OMG seems to have accompanied the invention of instant messaging and texting, its original use was likely decades earlier than you'd expect. According to the Smithsonian, the first recorded usage of OMG was in a 1917 letter to Winston Churchill. The letter, written by Lord Fisher, expressed his excitement towards a new order of knighthood, in which he states "O.M.G. – Shower it on the Admiralty!"





#### **So Many Ways to Support Fish Creek Provincial Park!**

#### Capture Nature - Photography Contest - May 1 to July 31

The Capture Nature Photo Contest is a creative way of enjoying the beauty and inspiration of Fish Creek Provincial Park. It's a good-spirited competition for all ages and levels of photography, and a great excuse to visit the park on a regular basis. This year's themes are A Bug's Eye View, Power and Grace, and Weather or Not. We know the themes are a bit challenging, and we hope they will encourage you to look at and connect with the park in a different way. All photos must be taken in Fish Creek Provincial Park and can be submitted at any point during the contest, but the earlier the better! The public will be able to vote for their favourite photos through our online gallery, so early submissions will have more time to collect votes! Visit the Friends' website for more contest fees and info, to find out prize details, contest rules and regulations, and to register! Many thanks to our contest sponsors for their generous donations of contest prizes: MEC, RMB Photography and Vistek. https://friendsoffishcreek.org/programs/capturenature.

#### Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink

#### **Support Outdoor Education in Fish Creek and Your** Donation will be Matched Up to 50%!

Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink (BFK) is a truly amazing program that helps to raise funds for children throughout Alberta. BFK runs in conjunction with the Shaw Charity Classic, taking place August 24 to 30 at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club. Through BFK, your donation will be matched up to 50% and your contribution can go even further. We are very grateful that the Friends of Fish Creek and our Learning Naturally program has once again been chosen as one of more

than 200 Alberta charities to participate in Birdies for Kids this year. Birdies for Kids will support the Friends' Learning Naturally program, which includes TD Learning Naturally. TD Learning Naturally helps provide over 4700 children each year with a life-changing field trip to Fish Creek Provincial Park. Students in the TD Learning Naturally program attend economically disadvantaged schools in Calgary and may not have the opportunity to visit Fish Creek were it not for Learning Naturally. This essential program does not receive regular funding and we rely on ongoing donations from community members and organizations. Please talk to your friends, family members and even your employer about contributing this year. To donate, or for more information, contact the Friends or visit https://friendsoffishcreek. org/event/birdies.

#### **Park Protectors Needed**

Become a Fish Creek Provincial Park Protector and help the Friends of Fish Creek uphold our vision of a sustainable Fish Creek Provincial Park that improves the quality of life for current and future generations. As an alternative to annual membership renewals, the Park Protector program may suit your busy lifestyle a little better. As a Park Protector, you can make monthly donations to the Friends of Fish Creek, which are automatically withdrawn from a credit card. A steady, reliable source of funding will enable the Friends to continue with ongoing field work, raise awareness about the park, and organize and participate in community outreach activities. Park Protectors never have to worry about keeping donations or membership up to date and will receive one tax receipt a year. For more information please visit https://www. friendsoffishcreek.org/park-protector-signup.

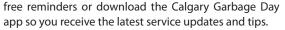
#### Phase 4 Bricks are Going Fast! Leave a Lasting Legacy and Show Your Support for Fish Creek Provincial Park.

There are fewer than 25 bricks available in the fourth and final phase of the Friends Brick Pathway. This program began in 2017 to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Friends of Fish Creek. You may have seen these bricks in front of the Cookhouse at the Bow Valley Ranch in Fish Creek Provincial Park, or dedicated one yourself. If you did not get a chance to dedicate a brick, now is a great time to dedicate one of the remaining bricks. Bricks are only \$250 each and you will receive a valuable tax receipt for your donation. A brick would also make an amazing gift for anyone who enjoys visiting Fish Creek Provincial Park and would like to see it protected and preserved. For more information, please visit https://friendsoffishcreek.org/brick.

#### Weekly Green Cart Pickup is Back!

Weekly green cart pickup will resume the week of May 19. Your green cart will continue to be picked up on the same day on a weekly basis. There is no change to your collection days.

You can see your updated scheduled online at calgary.ca/collection. Make sure to sign up for



Your green cart pickup will remain at once every two weeks in the interim. Staffing challenges due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the post-ponement of the start of weekly green cart service. Thank you for your patience as we work to maintain blue, black, and green cart services for Calgarians.

# **COVID-19 Municipal Property Tax Relief Information**

Did you know by paying your property tax on or before June 30, you're helping Calgarians through the COVID-19 pandemic? Citizens and businesses able pay their property tax by the due date are supporting essential City services, including Police, Emergency Services, and Transit.

For property owners facing financial hardship due to COVID-19, City Council approved two municipal property tax relief measures to provide added flexibility:

#### Tax Payment Deadline Extended to September 30

The tax payment deadline for 2020 property tax has been extended from June 30 to September 30 without a 7% late payment penalty, providing flexibility during these difficult times. A penalty of 7% will be added to any unpaid balance on October 1.

#### **Budget Wisely, Join TIPP Filing Fee-Free**

The Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP) filing fee has been suspended for 2020. Join TIPP to make budgeting easier or cancel TIPP to increase your immediate cash flow.

To learn about joining or changing TIPP before or after September 30, please visit calgary.ca/TIPP.

Learn more about these municipal property tax relief measures by visiting calgary.ca/properytax.

# Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw Review

The City of Calgary is reviewing the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw to better understand how it reflects community values and meets the needs of Calgarians. The goal is to have a bylaw that will adapt to the changing trends in society and that will improve public safety and livability.

In the first phase of the public engagement process, Calgarians were asked to share their thoughts on what is and isn't working with the current regulations. They were also given the opportunity to provide input on other things that should be included in the Bylaw. Feedback collected in phase one is being used to develop potential amendments to the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw.

In the second phase, the City of Calgary is seeking your feedback on these potential amendments. Visit calgary. ca/petbylaw to stay informed and get updates.

# We're Celebrating a Little Differently This Year

The City of Calgary is celebrating Neighbour Day a little differently this year.

Neighbour Day began in 2014 to celebrate the incredible outpouring of support and generosity neighbours demonstrated after the 2013 floods. It has evolved into an annual celebration of what makes Calgary such a great city – our strong and caring communities. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever that Calgarians connect with our neighbours and support one another, but from a safe physical distance.

Visit calgary.ca/NeighbourDay to learn how you can get involved in this year's celebrations.



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The first six months of this year have been among the most challenging our province has ever faced. The coronavirus pandemic, coupled with a global economic collapse and the unprecedented drop in our energy prices, have presented a triple whammy of adversity for Alberta. Your government has been doing everything within our power to support those Albertans impacted by these unprecedented challenges.

Firstly, with the COVID-19 pandemic, you will have noticed that some restrictions have begun to be lifted as we relaunch parts of our economy. I want to assure you that we are acting on the advice of public health officials, and monitoring progress carefully. Albertans have taken this challenge seriously and have worked hard and made tremendous sacrifices to confront the novel coronavirus, and that hard work is paying off. We have seen some of the lowest levels of hospitalizations and have had dramatically fewer patients require ICU care than originally projected. This is why we are able to move forward with relaunching our economy and getting life back to normal. We are not entirely out of the woods yet and must still follow the advice of our public health officials, but those Albertans who did all they could to win the fight against COVID-19 should feel proud of what they accomplished.

As much as there is some good news, there is also a sustained economic challenge we must now confront. The global economy will take time to recover from this unprecedented downturn, and severely depressed energy prices could be the reality for as long as 18 months. This means that Alberta will continue to face economic and financial challenges. Your government has made important investments to support small businesses, our energy jobs, and Albertans impacted by this economic crisis. As a result, we will be facing significant deficits and a fiscal reckoning when we get through it; however, everything we are doing now is to protect jobs, keep businesses open, and get Alberta back to work.



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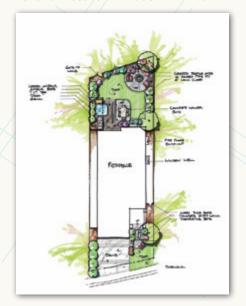


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