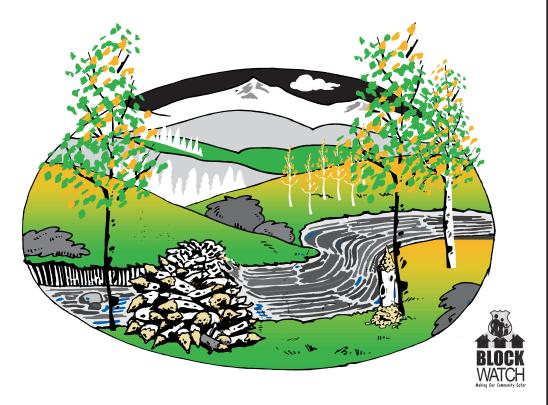
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Deer Ridge Community Association Newsletter

Box 43052, Calgary, Alberta T2J 7A7 - Website: www.deerridgecommunity.org

OUR VISION

We will be a safe community with established programs and facilities, committed volunteers, and we'll be financially stable.

OUR MISSION

To enhance the quality of life in Deer Ridge for today and the future by establishing and fulfilling the common goals, needs and interests of our community.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at DeerRidgeCA@gmail.com



The Deer Ridge Review-Your Community Link!

The Deer Ridge Review is published 11 times a year by the Deer Ridge Community Association and Digital Gallery. Circulation: 1800. The newsletter is delivered usually the first week of the month. **Deadline** for articles, classified ads, and display ads is 5:00 p.m. the **fifth day of the month** for the next month's issue. Please call early to ensure best location! **All display ads** within the Deer Ridge Review are done through **Digital Gallery**. To set up your ad, please call: **403-201-0357**, fax: **403-201-0359**, or e-mail to: **digitalgallery@shaw.ca**.

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President's Message

The Deer Ridge Community Association wishes you and yours a very Happy and Safe New Year!

Visit www.DeerRidgeCA.com for updates on the Winter Skate January 11, 2014 and future Deer Ridge CA events.

Deer Ridge Ice Rinks are open and ready for another season. The two ice rinks, the Hockey Rink and the Pleasure Rink (behind Don Bosco School) were flooded and in great shape by December 8, 2013. Mr. Miller and his team of volunteers have again done a great job in getting the ice surfaces ready for another season of pick up hockey and pleasure skating in Deer Ridge. If you have any time and would like to volunteer for flooding and maintenance on the rinks, please contact Gord Miller at 403-278-3353 or Bob Hall at DeerRidgeCA@gmail.com

DEER RIDGE WINTER SKATE SATURDAY JANUARY 11, 2014 FROM NOON TO 4 PM (WEATHER PERMITTING).

Bring your skates out to the ice rinks behind Don Bosco on Saturday January 11, 2014 and enjoy the Deer Ridge Winter Skate. There will be free hotdogs and hamburgers, pop and hot chocolate along with a fire pit to keep everyone warm.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Your current membership ended August 31, 2013. The 2013-2014 membership year started Sept 1, 2013. Membership application forms are available in this Deer Ridge Review and on our Blog and website. If you would like to become a registered/paid member of the Deer Ridge Community please mail the completed forms in with a cheque for \$ 15.00 to the Deer Ridge Community Association Box 43052, Calgary, Alberta T2] 7A7

THANK YOU TO COUNCILLOR DEMONG'S WARD 14 COMMUNITY BBQ AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

Councillor Demong's Community BBQ and Community Membership Drive was a huge success again this year. On September 21 2013, Dawn Wallace and Collette Quinn-Hall signed up 21 Deer Ridge Community members at the BBQ. Councillor Demong and the sponsors of the event donated the costs of these memberships and we received

the cheque at our November meeting. Thank you again Councillor Demong for supporting the communities in Ward 14 and to our own Dawn Wallace and Collette Quinn-Hall for signing up the members at the BBQ.

NEW WEBSITE & BLOG

You will now be able to access all of the updates on our New Website www.deerridgecommunity.org. Please visit often to see upcoming community events. Also follow us on twitter @DeerRidgeCA and our blog www.DeerRidgeCA.com

DEER RIDGE HISTORY FROM 1980 TO PRESENT

We are also looking for Deer Ridge History to be included in our new Blog. If you have been a long time resident of Deer Ridge, we need your help. We are working on a historical timeline of the Deer Ridge Community. We are specifically looking for information and pictures from 1980 to 1990 but if you have any information from the past 33 years it would be appreciated. If you have any information that you can forward, please contact Bob Hall at **DeerRidgeCA@gmail.com**

DEER RIDGE CASINO VOLUNTEERS

If you can help out by volunteering at the Blackfoot Casino on March 2 & 3 2014, please contact Bob Hall at DeerRidgeCA@gmail.com

INSIDE DEER RIDGE - SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS/ ORGANIZATIONS IN THE DEER RIDGE.

Do you own or manage a business or organization in Deer Ridge. Let us do a free 1 or 2 page feature and introduce your business to the 1500 households in the community of Deer Ridge. If you have any interest, please contact Bob Hall at DeerRidgeCA@gmail.com

Again, thank you for your support and if you can spare a few hours a month, please get involved and join the Deer Ridge Community Association Board.

All the Best in 2014 and see you around the neighborhood.

Bob Hall, President Deer Ridge Community Association.



Deer Ridge Community Association

Annual Winter Family Skating Party Saturday, January 11 (Weather Permitting) Time: Noon-4pm.

• Family Skate • Pick Up Hockey • Refreshments



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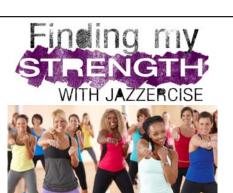
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ONE MONTH FREE (Some restriction may apply)

- Queensland Community: Mon/Wed: 6:30 p.m.
 Canadian Logion (0202 Horton Rd, S.W.)
 - • Canadian Legion (9202 Horton Rd. S.W.) Saturday: 8:45 a.m.

Wear comfortable clothing that does not restrict your movements and allows for sweat evaporation. Also be sure to bring a water bottle and towel. To view basic movements performed in class, go to jazzercise.com

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Call Marilyn 403-278-2608 BONAVISTA BAPTIST CHURCH 1507 Acadia Drive S.E.

'Tis The Season To Recycle



This time of year keeps garbage and recycling collectors hopping as people get rid of extra stuff. You might be wondering what to do with that Christmas tree or if wrapping paper is recyclable. Here are some tips to help you clean up.

RECYCLE YOUR REAL CHRISTMAS TREE

The City will pick up and mulch Christmas trees from households that currently receive City residential garbage collection. It's easy, convenient and it keeps trees out of the landfill. Be sure to remove the tinsel, decorations, garland, lights, string and tree stands and place it next to your black cart by 7:00 a.m. on January 9. It will be picked up within three weeks.

If you live in an apartment or condo, you can take your tree to a seasonal Christmas Tree Recycling drop-off location between **December 26 and January 31**.

DON'T TRASH YOUR WRAPPING PAPER - RECYCLE IT

As long as it doesn't contain any foil, ribbons, bows or string, almost all wrapping paper can be recycled in your blue cart or community recycling depot.

If you've got a big pile of wrapping paper on Christmas morning, here are a few reminders:

- Crumple all of your wrapping paper into balls.
- Put it loosely into your blue cart or community recycling depot bin, not bundled together inside a bag.
- Ribbons, bows and string cannot be recycled, but can be reused or put in the garbage.

IN WITH THE NEW, RECYCLE THE OLD!

TVs and computers contain chemicals and heavy metals that are potentially harmful to the environment if buried in the ground. Instead of throwing them away, take your end-of-life TVs, computers and accessories to one of nearly 30 electronics recycling drop-off locations throughout the city.

For more details on Calgary's recycling programs visit calgary.ca/recycling or contact 311.

École Sam Livingston Elementary School News

"Bonne Année" from École Sam Livingston. We are all refreshed and ready to tackle new ideas and a new year. Our report cards will be going home January 30th and while the timing of report cards has changed, the format is the same.

Many people start exercising regularly as a New Year's Resolution but at Sam Livingston we have been adding regular morning exercise to our classrooms since September. Research shows that morning exercise primes the mind for learning so our school implemented the 'Réveille-Matin' program this year. This decision was based on the research and book 'Spark' by Dr. J. J. Ratey. Our teacher's report that the children are more alert through the school day, and the additional exercise time still falls within the Alberta Education curriculum guidelines. It seems to be working. Maybe our success will encourage you to add morning exercise into your new year as well! We will be benefiting from an Alberta Opera performance on January 16th, and FUN LUNCH AND FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT will be hosted by School Council on January 24th.

A reminder that our School Council meets on Monday, January 13th at 7pm and all parents are encouraged to come and be part of the decisions that affect your child's life. Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year to one and all!

Queensland Scouts 172 January Bottle Drive

Wondering what to do with those leftover Holiday Bottles? Support local Scouting groups by calling or texting our bottle hotline 403-606-9717 and a volunteer will arrange to pick up your bottles when it is

PLASTIC BOTTLES – Water, Pop, Culligan Bottles.

PLASTIC JUGS – Milk, Juice, Beverage Containers.

ALUMINIUM CANS - Pop, Energy Drinks, Beer.

POLYCOATED CONTAINERS – Juice, Milk, Cream, Eggnog, Wine Boxes.

GLASS BOTTLES - Wine, Juice, Beer, Liquor, Pop.



Spotlight Inside Deer Ridge

The Deer Ridge Community Association presents this monthly feature to highlight the many businesses, organizations and services within the Deer Ridge Community. For the month of January 2014 we acknowledge **Fortified Fitness**.



Fortified Fitness offers Programs for BOTH Men and Women!



Fortified Fitness offers a wide range of fitness programs for both men and women. Don't be intimidated as we provide programs for ALL levels of fitness from beginner to the advanced athlete.

Sign up for one of our boot camps or acquire the services of one of our certified personal trainers to help educate, motivate, and push you to achieve your fitness goals.

1 on 1 Personal Training

At Fortified Fitness we offer an elite cast of personal trainers to choose from. Whether you are a beginner or an advanced level athlete, we can help take you to the next level! We provide customized one on one training solutions that are both fun and innovative, which ensures that our clients reach and maintain their fitness goals. All of our trainers are certified and have backgrounds in the fitness/bodybuilding industry.



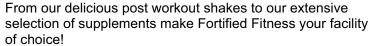




We are pleased to now offer massage therapy services at our facility. Our R.M.T (Registered Massage Therapist) will provide a brief consultation prior to each session to ensure that you receive the appropriate treatment. Do you have employer benefits or additional health coverage? If so we make sure to provide the required receipts and documentation for your employer or insurance provider. All of our massage services are open to the public therefore no membership is required. We also offer gift certificates should you want to provide a gift to someone special.

Fuel up with a tasty post workout smoothie!

Not only is Fortified Fitness one of Calgary's hottest new fitness facilities, but we also offer a full juice bar and supplement shop with the most competitive prices in the city.







Visit the gym 1176, 137 Ave S.E, Calgary, Alberta Have a question regarding the gym, fitness program or any other service that Fortified Fitness offers? Contact us through phone, email or drop by our gym and one of our staff will be more than happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

Hours of Operation

Mon to Thurs 5:30am - 10:00pm Friday 5:30am - 8pm Saturday 9:00am - 6pm Sunday 9am - 1pm **Call us** Phone: (403) 271 – 3539

Memberships

www.fortifiedfitness.com

Visit **www.fortifiedfitness.com** for information, membership fees and membership specials.

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Deer Ridge Community Association Membership Renewal Form

Your membership expires August 31st. It's time to purchase or renew your membership. To support your community association, please fill out the form below and send it along with your cheque for \$15.00 made payable to the Deer Ridge Community Association. Thank you in advance for your support because without the support of the community at large we cannot operate successfully. Are you wondering if

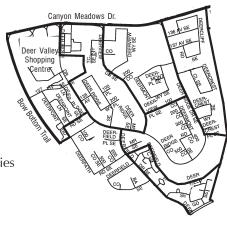
you live in Deer Ridge? If you have received this newsletter in your mailbox then you live in Deer Ridge! (see map).

WHAT DOES YOUR MEMBERSHIP PAY FOR? WHAT ARE YOUR BENEFITS?

- Community Tennis Courts
- Children's Playground
- Queensland Soccer
- Two Skating Rinks
- Community Safety/Block Watch
- Planning & Development
- Community Newsletter
- Social Events
- Fundraising to construct, operate & support community facilities such as the Soccer Fields and Playgrounds.
- Your Deer Ridge membership saves 20% on a membership at the Trico Centre and discounts on many programs at this great facility.
- Your Community Association is your voice of the community to the City of Calgary on important issues.

Membership Application Form – Just fill in the form below and mail with a \$15 cheque payable to Deer Ridge Community Association and mail to: DVPO Box 43052, Calgary, AB T2J 7A7 Or give to any current Member of the DRCA Board.

FAMILI NAME: -	(Surname)	(Him)	(Her)
ADDRESS:		POSTAL CODE: _	
HOME PHONE:		BUSINESS:	
CHILDREN - NUN	MBER		
0-6 Years	7-12 Years 13-16 Years	17 & Older	



Deer Ridge Community Association

Support Your Community! Buy a Membership Today!



Deer Ridge Community Association Memberships can be purchased for only \$15 from the Trico Centre. Your Deer Ridge membership saves 20% on a membership at the Trico Centre and discounts on many programs at this great facility!





Fish Creek Library 11161 Bonaventure Drive SE



FISH CREEK LIBRARY HOURS Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m .- 9 p.m. Sunday: 12 (Noon) – 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

January at the Fish Creek library

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY COACHING. Drop in for volunteer computer help. Tuesdays, Jan 7 to Apr 29, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

BABY PLAYDATE

Wednesdays, Jan. 8 to Apr. 30, 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

STITCH AND CHAT

Wednesdays, Jan. 8 to Apr. 30, 1:30 - 3 p.m.

SINGLE IN THE SUBURBS? Come to the library. Wednesdays, Jan. 8, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

DROP-IN FAMILY STORYTIME is always fun! Ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver Thursdays, Jan. 9 to Apr. 24, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

DROP-IN LEGO CLUB - build, create and explore! Thursdays, Jan. 9 to Apr. 24, 4 - 5 p.m.

Canadian Natural Resources Limited presents Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra Musicians in concert - **CPO in Your Library!**

Monday, Jan. 13, 2 - 3 p.m.

EBOOKS: A **LIBRARY ON THE GO** Library staff demonstrates how to download an eBook. Monday, Jan. 13, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Discover the origins and uses of herbs in **TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE** and learn about their therapeutic benefits.

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

What's Cookin' Club. Join us each month as we explore all things edible!

Thursdays, Jan. 16 and Mar. 20, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

CANADIAN OIL SANDS LIMITED'S MATH MINDS Adult volunteers help students in grades 1 to 6, ages 6 to 12, with their math.

Mondays, Jan. 20 to Apr. 28, 6 - 7 p.m. (No program on Feb. 17 and Apr. 21)

Spanish Conversation Club welcomes learners with intermediate Spanish language skills. Ages 16 and up. Mondays, Jan. 20 to Feb. 24, 6:30 - 8 p.m. (No program on Feb. 17)

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CONVERSATION CLUB Wednesdays, Jan. 22 to Feb. 26, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**DON'T MISS THE FAMILY LITERACY DAY EVENTS:

SING TOGETHER FOR LITERACY!

Ages 6 to 23 months with a parent/caregiver Friday, Jan. 24, 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.

IN A LIBRARY MINUTE! - fun activities, exciting games and a family fair. Saturday, Jan. 25, 2 - 4 p.m.

READ, SING AND PLAY!

Ages 2 to 5 with a parent/caregiver Sunday, Jan. 26, 2:15 - 2:45 p.m.

To join either an **ADULT BOOK CLUBS**, or a **TEEN BOOK CLUB**, just call the library. Copies of the book titles are available at the Library

A valid library card is required to register for any program. For more information you can visit your local library, call 403-260-2620, or go online at:

WWW.CALGARYPUBLICLIBRARY.COM



Trico Centre January = Fitness

Choose Trico Centre for your New Year's health resolution. We have an incredible Fitness Centre with some of the best equipment in Calgary. Our memberships are among the most affordable in Calgary for those who live in a community partnered with Trico Centre (almost every community association in South Calgary is a partner.) And, with your membership, you can choose from more than 70 weekly group fitness classes.

Trico Centre's Fitness Centre is comfortable and low key – there are people here of all ages and all fitness levels. There is always a Fitness Monitor on duty if you have a question.

If you are newly back to Fitness, and are not sure how to use all the machines, consider Fit 101 for the Absolute Beginner or Fit 201: The Refresher. These five-week registered classes will teach you all you need to know about equipment functionality, benefits, and technique plus a variety of exercise techniques, programs, and styles to help you reach your fitness goals. Plus, after the course is completed, you will be offered a discounted 90-minute one-on-one personal training session (\$75.)

If you want a fit diet to go along with your fitness routine, check out Nutrition 101 or 201 or Trim and Tone: Small Group Training which combines four-person group personal training and a personalized nutrition plan.

Remember, it's better to be a member: registered classes and personal training are 20% off with membership. Find out about membership and the classes mentioned above in our Winter 2014 Program Guide.

NEW PROGRAMS/NEW PROGRAM GUIDE

What are your kids doing for fun and fitness in January? In January, all sorts of new programs start: there are skating lessons, swimming lessons, lots of parent & tot and preschool classes plus some new adult fitness options. Discover all that Trico Centre can offer you and your family.

Trico Centre is located at 11150 Bonaventure Drive SE. Residents of partnered communities pay 20% less for memberships than those who reside outside partnered communities. Phone: 403-278-7542 or see www.tricocentre.ca to find out more.





Message From Councillor Peter Demong Ward 14



Hello all! I hope you've had a great holiday season.

Ward 14 has made it very clear to me that traffic is a big concern, and this time of year can be dangerous when it comes to our streets. With winter road conditions, limited daylight, and perhaps some people getting behind the wheel with a bit too much 'holiday cheer' in their system, driving safely and obeying the rules of the road are more important than ever. Police help keep us safe, but they can't be everywhere at once, and they are trying a new tactic that I thought I should mention. They have created an online Traffic Service Request Form for people to report persistent traffic violations. Since Ward 14 has made it clear to me that traffic is a big concern, I encourage you to use this tool whenever it applies. It can be found at: www.calgarypolice.ca along with many other useful tools. "One off" violations should still go to the Police nonemergency line (403-266-1234), and of course, if you are experiencing an emergency you should call 911.

THE 52 MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION – UPDATE

Revitalizing older communities, reducing the City's debt, or dedicated to a Transit Capital fund; \$52 million in tax room vacated by the Province has survived all of these, at long last, will end up back in your pocket. At least the 2014 tax room will.

In late November Councillor Keating put a motion to return the 2014 amount, but keep the 2015-2024 amounts to fund City's proposed North Central & Southeast Transitways. At every opportunity I have voted to return vacated tax room to taxpayers. Unfortunately, I am one of few on Council who have done so, and the motion passed. Let's hope that the Southeast Transitway goes a long way to improving transit east of the Bow River, and maybe taking some cars off of Deerfoot Trail.

The return of your \$52 million for 2014 will come in the form of a reduction to your 2014 residential property tax

bill, which brings me to my next topic. You will soon be receiving your 2014 property and business assessment notices. Take some time to check for mistakes and see how it compares to other similar properties. You have from January 3rd until March 4th to point out any mistakes to the Assessment Department. You can contact them at (403) 268-2888 and find more info at **WWW.CALGARY.CA/ASSESSMENT.**

Happy New Year Ward 14! Contact me anytime...

Calgary Reads – Book Clubs In Calgary

There are good reasons why book clubs continue to thrive, despite changes in literary appetites, demographics and technology. The communal act of reading the same book as someone else and then hotly debating the deep meaning underlying those well-thumbed pages never loses its appeal, especially when those debates are fuelled by a plate of cookies, a platter of cheese or a glass of wine. A few hours in the good company of other book lovers, complete with passionate discussions and snacks, is a fun way to learn and socialize at the same time!

Estimates vary widely on the number of active book clubs in Canada, but it's a safe bet to say that everybody knows somebody who belongs to a book club. Book club mandates cover a wide spectrum of interests - some geared toward specific genres, others that span a more general range of books. In recent years, even the growth of online book clubs has skyrocketed, making sharing books with like-minded people even easier. You don't even have to clean the house when it's your turn to host! Book clubs, both public and private, flourish in every quadrant of the city. If you're looking for a Calgary book club to join, see our list online at www.calgaryreads.com/bookclubs. If you'd like your book club added to the list, email us at info@calgaryreads.com.

Calgary Reads loves book clubs and we would love to hear about your book club – what makes it special? Drop Calgary Reads a line at **info@calgaryreads.com**. Happy reading!

Calgary Reads helps kids learn to read. Our primary program trains volunteer tutors to work one-on-one with struggling grade one or two readers at their school. We also host school reading celebrations, hold teacher and parent workshops and host a huge yearly book sale. There are lots of ways to get involved. Find out more at www.calgaryreads.com

Canadian Blood Services Upcoming Blood Donor Clinics

Canadian Blood Services urges Alberta residents to donate blood during the holiday season and give someone a miracle . According to Canadian Blood Services, for medical patients in need of blood or blood products the act of blood donation is a "miracle" and donors are "miracle workers". Alberta residents can book a donation appointment by visiting www.blood.ca or calling 1-888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283). Upcoming clinics in Calgary at South Fish Creek Recreation Association (Flames & Oilers Rooms) include:

WHEN: Saturday, Januray 11, 2014

TIME: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

LOCATION: South Fish Creek Recreation Association (Flames

& Oilers Rooms)

100, 333 SHAWVILLE BLVD SW

WHEN: Friday, January 31, 2014 **TIME:** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

LOCATION: South Fish Creek Recreation Association (Flames

& Oilers Rooms)

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ABOUT CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES – Canadian Blood Services is a national, not-for-profit charitable organization that manages the supply of blood and blood products in all provinces and territories outside of Quebec. Canadian Blood Services also oversees the OneMatch Stem Cell and Marrow Network, and provides national leadership for organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Canadian Blood Services operates 42 permanent collection sites and more than 20,000 donor clinics annually. The provincial and territorial Ministries of Health provide operational funding to Canadian Blood Services. The federal government, through Health Canada, is responsible for regulating the blood system. For more information go to blood.ca.



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Be A Snow Angel

Winter's first snowfall and the rest that follow can create challenges for some Calgarians to keep their sidewalks clear and avoid falls. Calgary's older adults in particular need extra help in the winter, keeping their sidewalks shovelled, ice-free and safe. Snow Angels is a campaign that encourages Calgarians to be good neighbours and help older adults, and other neighbours in need, with snow removal this winter. It is not a snow clearing program for older adults.

WILL YOU BE A SNOW ANGEL?

All you have to do to be a Snow Angel is simply adopt an older adult's sidewalk this winter, and keep it clear. Watch for people in your neighbourhood who could use help removing snow from their sidewalks and driveways and ask if you can lend them a hand.

Alternatively, if you and your neighbours or other members of your community would like to develop a more organized snow clearing program, call the Seniors Services Division at 3-1-1.

SNOW ANGELS CAN HELP SAVE LIVES

Calgary Paramedics say that being a Snow Angel is not only being a good neighbour, but could save a life! Emergency Medical Services typically sees a dramatic increase in calls for cardiac illness and arrest on days with heavy snow falls.

Winter weather often promotes a less active life-style. Sudden exertion like shoveling heavy snow causes your heart muscle to work extra hard. Everyone, but especially the elderly, are susceptible to cardiac injury or arrest due to over exertion. Cardiac injury may manifest itself in obscure ways like heart burn or indigestion. Early recognition and treatment of cardiac illness is the key! *REMEMBER*, *DON'T GUESS*, *CALL EMS!*

Calgary's older adult (65+) population in 2009 was 98,572 of whom an estimated 90 percent are living independently in the community. Recent projections report tht there will be about a 66 percent increase in older adults (65+) in Calgary over the next ten years.

For some Calgarians, a winter stroll may result in dangerous falls and slips due to the ice lying underneath uncleared sidewalks. Other people may give up on their walk due to frustration with struggling through the knee-deep snow left on some sidewalks. Whether the situation is hazardous or just simply annoying, both can be avoided.

Please be a good neighbour this winter and remember to clean the snow from all the sidewalks adjacent to your property. Your neighbours will appreciate the ease at which



they can negotiate the sidewalks and those people who deliver City services to your property will also appreciate your efforts.

Not only is it neighbourly to clear the walks, but there are bylaws regarding the matter of snow and ice removal. - According to City Bylaws, property owners are responsible for removing ice and snow from city sidewalks adjacent to their property within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling.

So be a Snow Angel and ensure that everyone can safely get out and enjoy winter!

Snow Angels is proud to have CTV Calgary and the Calgary Sun as partners in this important Community Development Initiative.

NOMINATE YOUR SNOW ANGEL

Call 3-1-1, tell us your story and nominate your Snow Angel. We're asking for people who've had their sidewalk 'adopted' to send their stories to us and recognize their snow angel officially. Nominated Snow Angels are entered into a draw to a variety of prizes. Snow angels will also be recognized by Mayor Nenshi for their contribution to the community.

ALTERNATIVELY, MAIL US YOUR STORY. SEND YOUR STORIES TO:

The City of Calgary Community & Neighbourhood Services Attn: Snow Angels #104, Box 2100, Station M Calgary, Alberta T2P 2M5

Message from Heather Forsyth – M.L.A. Calgary Fish Creek

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

The legislature resumed last fall to controversy surrounding the government's proposed Bill 28, the Modernizing Regional Governance Act. Under the provision of this bill the provincial government would have been given the power to undermine the autonomy of local government and impose fines or jail time on elected leaders for non-compliance. Bill 28 did not go over well with many municipalities and was sent back for consultation with municipalities which should have been done first, before tabling the bill in the legislature.

Bill 27, the Flood Recovery and Reconstruction Act is another bill of local concern. This act will determine what mitigation measures should be done, how they will be reimbursed and how they will affect municipal powers during an emergency. However, government is moving forward with flood legislation with outdated and inaccurate maps and the details defining municipal and provincial responsibilities during emergencies require more clarity. These issues raise serious concerns about Bill 27.

A private member's bill from my colleague Kerry Towle, the Seniors' Advocate Act, would create an independent seniors advocate to represent the interests and concerns of seniors in the legislature. This advocate would be able to appeal decisions regarding care on behalf of seniors, as well as investigate complaints. Unfortunately, the government chose to use procedural delays to avoid a vote on the bill at all, despite it's introduction a full year ago. To the detriment of seniors across the province, the Senior's Advocate Act will die on the order paper.

Another private member's bill I hope to see pass is Bill 209 by my colleague Rob Anderson. Bill 209 would eliminate excessive severance packages for bureaucrats and create transparency regarding how bonuses are paid. Under the provisions of the bill the maximum allowable severance would be fixed at \$100,000 for public sector executives, managers or employees. However, if that person has worked five years in the same position, severance could reach \$200,000. I feel this is reasonable in comparison to the outrageous severances and bonuses that have been granted in recent years in the millions of dollars, and would be a big step towards fiscal transparency and accountability.



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But confusion can set in when you look at the toothpaste shelves in your local grocery or drug store, it seems everyone has whitening toothpaste. Add to this the huge influx of over the counter paint on gels and tape strips and you get more confused than ever.

With so many over the counter options, is it really worth the extra cost to go to a dentist for professional whitening?

The quick answer is: YES

Toothpaste provides little or no whitening whatsoever and some may even cause tooth and gum damage if used over long periods. The gels are very difficult to administer and usually get washed off before they have time to do anything. Strips can be a good inexpensive option but only for your front teeth and only if they are perfectly straight. Strips will not whiten between teeth either, leaving you with dark stripes that become more obvious the

whiter your teeth get. You may even end up spending more on strips than you would at the dentist for similar results because professional whitening is more than 3 times stronger.

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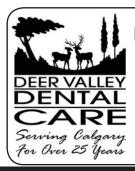
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