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## DIGEST

THE OFFICIAL DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER





# JEFF DAVISON FOR MAYOR:

As a member of City Council, I've spent the last four years getting things done for Calgary. My priorities are Calgarians' priorities. Here are the issues I'll tackle first as Calgary's next mayor.

## 1. ATTRACT NEW BUSINESS INVESTMENT

I want my children—and yours—to have a future here. I'll focus on attracting new technology companies (including those in emerging energy and agriculture), growing our film sector, and promoting our experience economy, which includes tourism, culture, and entertainment.

## 2. KEEP TAXES LOW

It's vital that we retain our advantage as one of the lowest tax cities in Canada and use that advantage to bring new jobs and investment to Calgary. As mayor, I'll prioritize two ways to keep taxes low: 1) control spending, and 2) attract new business investment that expands our tax base, not our tax rate.

## 3. RESPOND TO LOCAL NEEDS

As mayor, I'll improve community consultation to build the things local communities really want, offer more support for non-official languages, and improve playground, small business, and transit accessibility.

## 4. FILL OFFICES/ REVITALIZE DOWNTOWN

A strong core supports a strong city. The new Event Centre, BMO Expansion, Green Line construction, and experience economy will reduce the downtown vacancy rate by attracting new investment that draws companies to empty offices, and promotes a commercial-to-residential conversion policy.

## 5. ENSURE AFFORDABLE HOUSING/LOW COST LIVING

As the economy grows, we need to make sure the cost of living doesn't skyrocket. Keeping taxes low is an important part of this goal. So is making sure there is enough housing available, at a reasonable cost, so that all Calgarians can afford to own a home.

"Division and fighting have led to lost opportunities. As mayor, I'll prioritize collaboration and cooperation to get these priorities done."



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## Rent at the DCA!

Did you know the Dalhousie Community Centre is home to a large auditorium that can be used for a variety of events, including but not limited to, weddings, funerals, family reunions, baby showers, birthdays, Christmas parties, trade shows, and more!

We also have several rooms that can accommodate up to 50 people, including a Dance Studio that has sprung flooring and mirrors!

We are available for business seven days a week, and have a variety of different rates and options available depending on the day and time frame of your rental.

Perfect if you are looking for a space for your recurring booking – maybe a fitness program, monthly meetings, interviews, and more!

Please contact [admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca](mailto:admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca) or visit [www.dalhousiecalgary.ca](http://www.dalhousiecalgary.ca) for more information!



### Fall Community Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00am to 1:00 pm

The Community Centre washrooms are only open to users of the building at this time!

### Community Office Staff

**General Manager:** [gm@dalhousiecalgary.ca](mailto:gm@dalhousiecalgary.ca), 403-286-2555 ext. 3

**Finance:** [finance@dalhousiecalgary.ca](mailto:finance@dalhousiecalgary.ca), 403-286-2555

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**Programs/Events/Communication/Rentals:** [admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca](mailto:admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca), 403-286-2555

**All Dalhousie residents are welcome to attend.**

**Our Board Meetings are always the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm!**

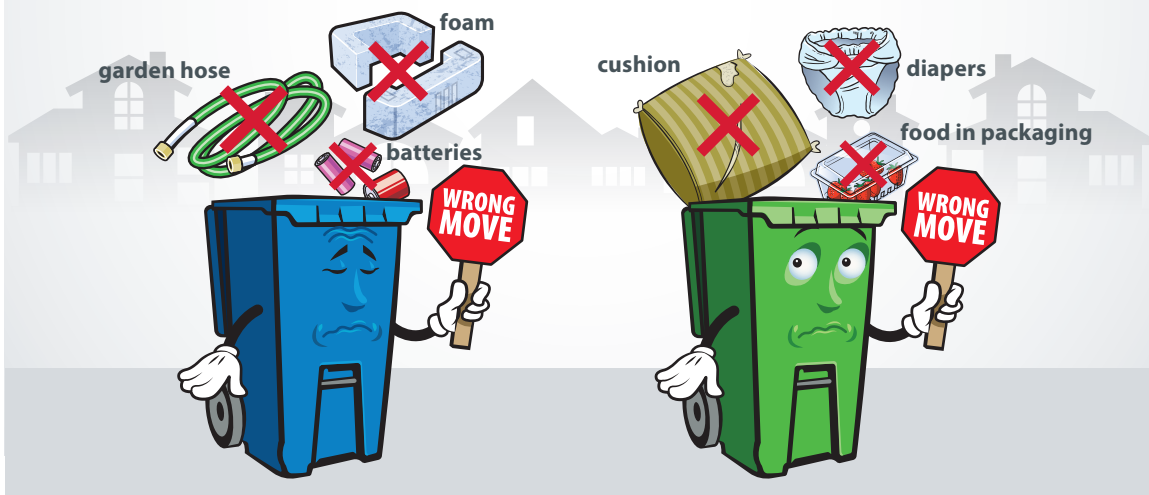
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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We just keep evolving as our circumstances change.

### Staff News

We are blessed with wonderful staff!

1. General Manager: Earlier in the year, we welcomed new General Manager, Doug MacDonald. He has now completed his probation and is getting settled into the new job.
2. Administration Assistant: Brooklynn Dunlop's hours have been flexing as COVID-19 restrictions change. We look forward to having her back full time.
3. Accountant: Maria Marcon resigned, effective July, and we will miss her because she did an excellent job! Thank you, Maria, for your bookkeeping, preparation of financial statements, support with banking issues, preparation of casino forms, and everything else you have done. We look forward to filling this position in September.
4. Dalhousie Out of School Care: Sharon Evans Borrice continues to hire staff as the program expands back to pre-COVID-19 capacity.

### Board News

1. We welcome Stephanie Demarais and Wayne Pennington to the Board of Directors. Wayne's expertise is in accounting, and he already has gotten his feet wet by helping out with the hiring of the new accountant.
2. We start a new fiscal year on September 1, and in contrast to previous years, we have a budget in place prior to the beginning of the fiscal year which is good news.

### Program News

1. Farmers Market- This has been such a success! We are considering continuing it past September by moving it indoors through the fall. Check out the website for further updates.
2. Lego Competition: It came to my attention that there is some interest in a Lego Competition. It could be a one-day event held in the auditorium with prizes for different age categories. What do you think? Contact me or anyone on the board to share your opinion.

John Piera

*Volunteering*  
is good for the soul

## DCA Employment Opportunities

The Dalhousie Community Association is seeking community center support staff.

Our support staff makes sure the community center's auditorium, and four meeting rooms, are set up for groups of 20 to 350 people. You help with customer relations and building care while activities are going on at the community centre. You may also give tours to would-be renters and help with office duties. Once events are over, you help prepare meeting rooms for the next users.

This is a part time position with daytime, afternoon, and evening shifts, as well as daytime and evening shifts on the weekend. Our support staff works 10 to 20 hours per week.

Please email your resume to [gm@dalhousiecalgary.ca](mailto:gm@dalhousiecalgary.ca) for further consideration!

### The Overlooked Anniversary

Do you ever hear much about the holidays in September? An important anniversary takes place in September that is commonly overlooked. The 17<sup>th</sup> of September is actually Constitution Day and marks the day the U.S. constitution was adopted. Even if you don't live in the U.S., it is certainly something worth noting!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 11** - Show N' Shine

**September 17 and 18** - Parade of Garage Sales and Parking Lot Sales

**October 6** - Candidates Debate

**November 1 to December 17** - Veteran's Food Bank

**November 12 to December 17** - Inn From The Cold Toy Donations

**November 27** - Christmas Craft Fair

**More events to be added as restrictions ease!**




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I have been proud to represent every resident of Ward 4 at City Hall since being elected in 2013. Once again, I am asking to be *Your Voice* on City Council. I have been at the doors for months talking with as many residents as I can, so that on October 18<sup>th</sup> I can once again earn your trust and be a strong voice for common sense at City Hall. I have been steadfast on being accountable to all Calgarians, and responsive to every resident of Ward 4 who has reached out for help. If you want to reach my campaign, request a lawn sign, volunteer, or have me call you on an issue: 587-890-6343 or [info@seanchu.ca](mailto:info@seanchu.ca)

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## PROGRAMS AT THE DCA

Here are some programs that are currently at the DCA – please contact the program directly for more information!

Program	Date/Time	Contact
Cribbage	Wednesdays at 1:00 pm	admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca
Kung Fu and Tai Chi	Multiple Weekdays	raymondwongkungfuschool@yahoo.ca
Dance	Wednesdays, Thursdays	office@onestepaheaddance.com
The Redeemed Evangelical		
Mission Church	Sundays	ajayiolukayode@hotmail.com
The Redeemed Christian		
Church of God	Sundays	bankolepaul@9096@gmail.com
Vital 1 Fitness	Multiple Weekdays	marcia@vital1.ca
Stagecoach Theatre Arts	Saturdays	stagecoachcalgary@gmail.com
Gentle and Therapeutic		
Yoga	Mondays at 11:00 am	Monica.esponsa@soultemplewellness.com
Calgary Folk Club	Fridays	403-286-5651
Knights of Columbus	Saturday, September 24	ascarpino@telus.net

**Are you looking to rent space for your program, class, or event? We have various rooms that have a capacity of up to 50 people, a Dance Studio, large Auditorium, and a commercial kitchen! Please email [admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca](mailto:admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca) to learn more information about how you can rent our facilities!**

## Big Help

*by Cheryl Dunkley*

The first thing doc said was: "Where's your cane?"

During our visit, I heard the same refrain.

Twice he ordered, so off I went

Got myself a "go any where", money well spent.

Pretty good company, goes in the car.

Just remember to take it out when you plan to walk far.

Once I couldn't find it, nowhere in the house.

Checked the garage - there on the shelf, quiet as  
a mouse.

It can be in any room, leaning against the wall.

Annoying when it doesn't show up when I call.

Likes to hook on a doorknob, swing off the floor.

The rubber tip could wear out, then back to the store.

The cane is great company, helpful and quiet,  
If you need to lighten the pressure, I suggest you try it!

## Meet the Queen in a Car Shop

Queen Elizabeth the Second, although a Queen, was once busy doing something much different. She is the only woman in the royal family to have served in the military! At her insistence, she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service (ATS) when she was 18 and trained as a truck driver and mechanic! Wouldn't that be the coolest trip to the car shop ever?





## Dalhousie "Farmers" Market Every Thursday 3:30 to 7:30 pm



Thank you all for the amazing support of the Dalhousie Farmers Market. We could not have done this without all of you. At the market you will find over 25 vendors that are local growers, makers, and food artisans.

We also wanted to share the exciting news that we have extended our market until September 30.

You can visit our website to see the list of vendors at <https://www.dalhousiecalgary.ca/farmers-market>.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us at [dalhousie.farmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:dalhousie.farmersmarket@gmail.com).

*Sonja Devauld*

Market Manager



## Pre-Kindergarten Educational Services - NW Locations

**Pre-Kindergarten**  
**Ages 3-5 years (Pre-K)**  
**Kindergarten Enhancement (KE)**  
**Out of School Care (OSC)**

**Website: [www.Pre-KindergartenEd.com](http://www.Pre-KindergartenEd.com)**

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Enhancement programs have an early literacy focus combining ample play with learning. Our children play and explore our classroom while gaining valuable social skills. Activity centers include math readiness, science, literacy, fine motor work (printing/cutting), art/craft, painting, sand/water, play dough, puzzles, blocks, story corner, and toys. In class guest visitors and off site trips complement the program. *Captain John Palliser & Marion Carson locations also offer Out of School Care.*

## FALL SESSION 2021 NEWS

### Pre-Kindergarten /Kindergarten Enhancement:

Heading back to school, we will start the Fall session off with "All About Me" and going into October we will focus on "Fall" activities. Special activities include: bussed field trip to the farm, Hallowe'en party and performance for the parents, and class photographer's visit. Don't miss your child's class picture opportunity!

### Out of School Care:

Our programs are open ended and take children's interest into consideration when planning our activities. Our programs blend the best of teacher facilitated and child led programming to maintain maximum interest. We will explore many interesting themes this session, some teacher designed and some which the children will determine. We look forward to off site trips or special in program visitors on some non-school days. Parents will receive a copy of the agenda via our monthly newsletters.

## REGISTRATION IS ON-GOING

**Email: [Register@PreKindergartenEd.com](mailto:Register@PreKindergartenEd.com)**

**Marion Carson School – 5315 Varsity Drive NW**

**Kindergarten Enhancement – ½ day program combines with Kindergarten**

**Out of School Care – Before and After Care Program  
Pre-Kindergarten ages 3-5 years**

**Captain John Palliser School – 1484 Northmount Drive NW**

**Kindergarten Enhancement – ½ day program combines with Kindergarten**

**Out of School Care – Grades K-6**

**Hope Lutheran Church – 3527 Boulton Road NW**

**Pre-Kindergarten ages 3-5 years**



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# The Calgary Folk Club

Since 1972, the home of folk music and the favourite venue of artists from all over the world between September and April has been Calgary Folk Club.

## General Information About the Club

Everyone 14 and over is welcome to our non-smoking venue, however, anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

- Please note new times below!
- Doors open at 6:30 pm
- Concert at 7:00 pm
- Concert format is two 30-minute sets separated by a 10-minute break
- Concert ends at 8:10 pm

## Tickets

Tickets may be purchased at Showpass. Our general ticket link for Showpass is Calgary Folk Club|Showpass.

1. Venue tickets (Dalhousie Community Centre) are \$45 per person, plus Showpass fees.
2. Live-stream tickets (online viewing) are \$22.69 per show, plus Showpass fees.

For more information about tickets and the shows, please contact us at [Reservations@CalgaryFolkClub.com](mailto:Reservations@CalgaryFolkClub.com) or leave a message at 403-286-5651.

## Out of School Care

Hello and welcome to Dalhousie Out of School Care (DOSC). We offer Before and After School Care Programs for children enrolled in kindergarten to grade 6 at the Dalhousie Elementary Spanish Bilingual School, West Dalhousie School, or the Dalhousie Community Kindergarten. Our flexible services provide families options for Full Time, Part Time, Half Day Fridays, and/or Drop-in Care. Please note, spaces are limited at our Dalhousie Elementary Spanish Bilingual School location and so if you would like to inquire for a September 2021 start, do not delay, email to inquire today!



## Dalhousie Community Preschool

Dalhousie Preschool is a co-operative, parent run preschool that operates under the umbrella of the Dalhousie Community Association. It offers a warm and accepting environment with dedicated teachers for your child to begin his or her school career. Our Reggio Emilia inspired play-based program has been serving the community for over 30 years!

Registration is now ongoing for the 2021/2022 school year, space is limited! Please check our website, [www.dcpreschool.ca](http://www.dcpreschool.ca), for more information or contact our registrar at [registrar@dcpreschool.ca](mailto:registrar@dcpreschool.ca).

If you would like to support our community preschool, you can easily do so by donating your empty cans and bottles! We have teamed up with Skip the Depot to help raise funds for our not-for-profit preschool!

It's super easy:

1. Download the Skip the Depot app <https://app.skipthedepot.com/dcpreschool>.
2. Schedule a pickup time and leave your bags outside.
3. Receive your refund and donate to the school.

This is a really simple, zero contact way to support the school, while decreasing your to-do list! Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

If you have any inquiries or questions about the preschool, please contact [registrar@dcpreschool.ca](mailto:registrar@dcpreschool.ca), or visit [www.dcpreschool.ca](http://www.dcpreschool.ca) for more information.



## Dalhousie Community Kindergarten Dealing with the Emotions of Back to School!

We are back to school! A new school year is an exciting time, and the students of Dalhousie Community Kindergarten are quickly settling into new routines with their new friends. Even parents find themselves adapting at this time of year as we all get accustomed to new routines!

Kindergarten-aged children arrive for school during the first weeks with heightened emotions: excitement about being with other children and all the new things they can play together, worry about whether they can meet expectations (and sometimes their own expectations for themselves are very demanding), pride in being a big school-aged kid, anxiety about what may happen at home without them (so some want to bring something special from home), determination to do the best they can, shyness at seeing new faces, and joy at meeting again with old friends! It's a lot to deal with at any age!

Teachers and parents need to understand that in this heightened state of emotional turmoil, the value of a compliment or a bit of encouragement is multiplied ten-fold. Nothing succeeds like success, and the child who thinks he or she did well at something will continue to do that "something" at least as well for months! The reverse is also true though, so at this time of year, spread liberal amounts of heartfelt praise. When you recognize what a big step it is for children to come through the classroom door and spend a significant part of their day in a big new world, it's easy to appreciate the significance of their accomplishments! Set aside time to talk about their day and if they are anxious let them know that it's normal to take some time to feel comfortable. Reassure them that not everything that is different turns out to be difficult – sometimes it is fun and exciting!

It may be both emotionally and physically exhausting for awhile, so regular snacks or mealtimes, bedtimes, and settled routines at home all help accommodate your child's needs. Lastly, keep your teacher updated if your child is having difficulties. Sometimes the most eager student suddenly struggles to face a day of school. That's normal too! Working together, we can all help support your new student.

We are proud to be a community-based program and benefit from the participation of our families, alumni, and

our community as a whole. This year's group of parents will be offering their planning support and input through our Parent Council and as volunteers throughout the year. Other interested partners who have special hobbies, contacts, and experiences to share bring invaluable learning opportunities to our classroom. (Do you have an interesting hobby or skill you would like to share with our class?). Directors of our Kindergarten Society Board also provide strategic planning and operational direction to the program. We invite anyone who may be interested in getting involved with our program to contact us. Our contact information can be found on our website at [www.dcakids.com](http://www.dcakids.com).

## Candidates Debate Coming to Dalhousie

The DCA will be host to a Candidates Debate on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 7:30 pm at the DCA Auditorium where you can learn about the credentials and positions of each candidate.

## Semtem-ber




In the old Roman calendars, September was actually the seventh month. "Semtem" means seventh, which is where September got its name. However, once the new months were added to the calendars, September became the ninth month. Now its name doesn't correlate to its order, but it still sounds nice!

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## Thank you Dalhousie

Congratulations on a successful **Community Cleanup** on June 20, 2021

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- Organics: 1060 kg**
- Total: 13190 kg**
- Truck Loads Hauled: 3**

Thank you to the Community Association and residents for your commitment to keep our communities healthy, safe and vibrant.



## How To Figure Out Which Plastics Are Recyclable



Do you stare at your empty plastics wondering if it belongs in the blue cart? Ask yourself this question to be sure you recycle your plastics right.

Is it a container? If your plastic is a container like a bottle, jug, or tub, it can be recycled. Make sure it's empty, clean, and dry. If it's not a container, it is not accepted in the blue cart. There may be other disposal options for your item – check [calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere](http://calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere).

Be aware of these exceptions:

Bundle your clean, stretchy plastic wrap, bubble wrap, and other plastic film into a single plastic bag and tie closed for the blue cart.

Foam packaging (polystyrene, EPE, EPS, Styrofoam) including foam marked with the recycle symbol belongs in your black cart as garbage.

Recycle plastic lids larger than the size of your palm in the blue cart. If it's smaller, it goes in the black cart.

Stay tuned for upcoming presentations on waste diversion and reduction this fall – search “waste” at [calgarylibrary.ca](http://calgarylibrary.ca).

## National Food Bank Day

National Food Bank Day, on the first Friday in September, encourages you to commit to contributing to the cause that believes no one should go to bed hungry.

Hunger may be as close as your neighbor or your coworker in the next cubical. Bare cupboards and empty stomachs look just like yours and mine behind closed doors.

Food banks across the country help some of the 42 million men, women, and children who struggle with putting food on the table. The reasons range from illness to job loss and a general change in circumstances. Circumstances that can happen to anyone of us.

For parents struggling to make ends meet, the ability to look their children in their eyes over a meal instead of into hungry eyes is a difference made by supporting food banks. Food banks fill the gap for those living on a meager budget. Many food banks offer educational opportunities that help people change their situation and begin anew. Often, those who have benefited from the programs return to volunteer and contribute to the very food bank that staved off hunger to do the same for others.

### How To Observe #NationalFoodBankDay

Help a neighbor, a friend, coworker, or a child by making a donation. Volunteer at your local food bank. Food banks take nonperishable food items and cash donations every day. Check their needs list for the fresh items they are seeking.

Use #NationalFoodBankDay to give your local food bank a shout out and to share on social media.

Please visit [www.calgaryfoodbank.com/wishlist/](http://www.calgaryfoodbank.com/wishlist/) to view the items urgently needed across Calgary!



## 60 Beans

Ludwig van Beethoven was a musical mastermind. But was he also a coffee connoisseur? He always made sure that his morning cup of coffee had precisely 60 beans in it, no more and no less. If 60 beans per cup is how you like your coffee, well good news! You and Beethoven have the same great taste!

## Show and Shine

If you love cars, come out to the Show and Shine on Saturday, September 11, 2021, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm behind the DCA building. In addition to vehicles representing the past 10 decades, there will be vendors, food trucks, a silent auction, and the best part is, admission is free.

To enter your vehicle, or for more information about registration, please email [neslo@shaw.ca](mailto:neslo@shaw.ca) or visit [www.dalhousiecalgary.ca](http://www.dalhousiecalgary.ca).

### Dalhousie Show & Shine 2021



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**Show 10-2pm**

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## Dalhousie Photo Submission

We in Dalhousie are surrounded by so many beautiful parks, trails, and so much more in our neighbourhood. We are looking for anyone that would be interested in submitting photos for consideration that would appear in the Dalhousie Digest! We are looking for any clear photos of the neighbourhood, along with activities and programs that are happening throughout the year!

If you have a photo you would like to submit, please email [admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca](mailto:admin@dalhousiecalgary.ca).

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Deadline – 1<sup>st</sup> of each month for the next month's publication

### Contact [news@great-news.ca](mailto:news@great-news.ca)

◆ Free announcements: lost/found, household items for sale, wanted, garage sale, student/senior services, etc.

◆ Forty word limit

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### Calling All PARENTS

Visit [mybabysitter.ca](http://mybabysitter.ca) and find available babysitters in and around your community.

## The Number Nine

September is a fun month for numbers! Specifically, the number 9. Not only is it the ninth month, but with nine letters in its name, it is the only month with the same number of letters in its name, as days.



## Back to School Safety

Alberta Health Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and students of some basic safety tips as the school year begins again this fall. Pedestrians and motorists both have an important role to play – road safety is a shared responsibility.



### Motorists

- Distracted driving carries a \$300 fine and three demerit points in Alberta. Avoid the use of mobile devices or engaging in any other behavior that diverts your attention away from driving.
- Give right-of-way to pedestrians who have activated overhead crossing lights, or who are waiting to cross from a street corner.
- Other than parked cars, it is illegal to pass another vehicle in a school or playground zone during posted hours.

### Around School Buses

- Flashing amber lights mean a bus is slowing down to stop – motorists should do likewise.
- No matter which direction you are coming from, stop when approaching a school bus with activated flashing red lights – unless the bus is on the opposite side of a divided highway from you.
- Driver courtesy goes a long way. By simply being alert and cautious when approaching a school bus, you are contributing to school bus safety.

### Pedestrians

- Cross only at marked crosswalks, or street corners that have clear visibility from all directions.
- Make eye contact with all drivers before crossing the street and keep distractions to a minimum.
- When activating overhead crossing lights, pause before stepping off the curb to ensure motorists in both directions have come to a complete stop.
- Stay within the crosswalk lines.
- Obey pedestrian lights at intersections. Cross the street only when you see the 'walk' sign and only when all cars have come to a complete stop.
- If you are with young children or pets, hold your child's hand firmly and keep a solid grip on leashes when crossing.
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## News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Here are some guidelines from the Off-leash Area Management Plan 2010.

The City Parks Department, as a steward of public parklands and pathways, is responsible for maintenance and management. This includes agreements with other stakeholders, as appropriate, and developing educational strategies for environmental protection. Natural habitat goals are considered for Natural Areas, in or near Special Protection Natural Environment Parks, Major Natural Environment Parks, and Environmentally Significant Areas. Dogs must be on-leash in parking areas and on pathways. Where necessary, eliminate the impact of dog off-leash use on native plants and wildlife and/or the fragmentation of natural habitats. Where a biophysical evaluation shows that the natural habitats or wildlife are being negatively impacted, implement strategies to protect the natural area (or the Off-Leash Area may be eliminated). These decisions are made at the discretion of the Director of City Parks. There are other duties, such as creating a signage plan to clearly mark boundaries. Posting "entering/leaving off-leash area" signs, even back-to-back where required. "No Dog" signs in playgrounds. "Paved Pathways Are Always On-Leash". Consulting with Animal and Bylaw Services, if the City or Parks users have identified sites where the ability to enforce bylaws is questionable.

The City's decision, in 2016, was to cancel the Adopt-a-Park program and replace it with two new programs called Green Leader and Water Steward.

Since this is seasonal (May to October), the Adopt-a-Park program was re-launched, in 2021, helping to take care of parks, green spaces, playgrounds, pathways, trees, and natural areas. Volunteers received orientation, training, and other supports, after possible police information checks. If working near a pathway, they were told to be careful of cyclists, runners, and walkers, as well as to leave natural materials behind (leaves, deadwood, bones, etc.).

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# Responding to Calgarians

The City of Calgary is dedicated to investing citizen tax dollars wisely and maximizing the value citizens receive from our services. Throughout the pandemic, we have worked closely with City Council to adjust and respond to the needs of Calgarians through these difficult times.

Here are some facts about our finances:



**65%**  
to City services

Residential property tax is generally split, 65 per cent goes towards funding City services, while the remaining 35 per cent goes to the province.

**\$5.88\***  
per day



is the cost to a typical Calgary household for City tax-supported services.

**77%**  
of homeowners



saw a reduction or no increase at all to their 2021 property tax bill. The City reduced expenses to support citizens through the pandemic while still providing the critical services needed.

## Below-average taxes

In 2019, Calgary had below-average residential property taxes relative to a cross-section of major Canadian cities and regional neighbours for a representative two-storey house.



**\$177 million\*\***

in permanent reductions made since July 2019. Calgary was the only major city in Canada to cut taxes during this challenging year and a half.

**60%**



of property owners in Calgary pay their property tax monthly through the Tax Instalment Payment Plan (TIPP).

Learn more about how we're responding to Calgarians at [calgary.ca/respond](https://calgary.ca/respond)

\* Calculation based on typical single residential home assessed at \$445,000 in 2021. Actual values will vary based on your property's assessed value, visit [calgary.ca/taxcalculator](https://calgary.ca/taxcalculator).

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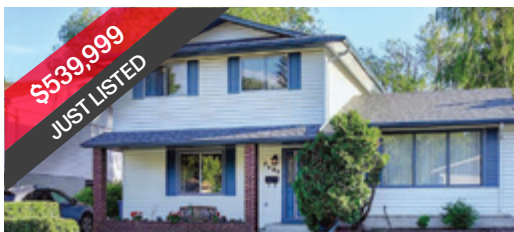
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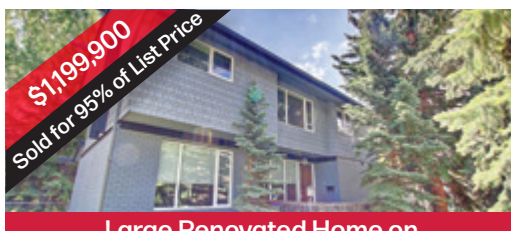
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