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Dates

Friday January 1

- New Year's Day



Tuesday January 5

- Rosedale Community Meeting, 7pm at the Rosedale Hall

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What's in Store for 2016? – Corrine Fiesel

For this month's editorial, I did a scan of some of the more colorful predictions for 2016 floating around on the internet. Here's a sampling of what's in store:

According to a survey of statements made by corporate futurists published on December 9, 2015 in *Inverse*, an on-line news and culture publication, cloud technologies will find their way to healthcare allowing doctors to wirelessly monitor patients via smart phones, thereby gathering more up-to-date and accurate information round the clock. Jasmine Fisher, the senior researcher at Microsoft Research Cambridge, UK expects these changes to begin to take shape in 2016: "Cloud platform technologies will start realizing their true potential to transform and empower patients' lives".

And as far as technology goes, the same article states that according to Microsoft researchers, humans will increasingly be able to communicate in fluid and more natural ways with computers and smart phones. Some go so far as to predict that technology will move towards assisting humans with monitoring and managing life on earth, averting natural disasters and the potential for the sixth mass extinction of the human race. You have to admit –this is only good news. Go machines!

On the home front, the corporate vice president of Microsoft Research Asia, believes that TV will continue to become obsolete and increasingly people will turn to the internet and various web services to watch what they want. No surprise here --does anyone sit through ads anymore?

In terms of lifestyle, the same article sets out the belief of industry experts that the workplace will become increasingly virtual as more people work from wherever they are rather than a specific locale, which in turn will cause us to "rethink the way we work, and the way we design our physical cities, neighborhoods and local communities." Again, as a self-employed person who works mostly from home, this does not surprise me but how it might transform our lives as the transition takes place is heady stuff.

And now for the wackier bits: Craig Hamilton-Parker, a UK psychic with a significant on-line presence, claims that unprecedented rainfall will disrupt some of the Summer Olympic games in Rio de Janeiro, a comet or asteroid, missed by most astronomical observatories, will come dangerously close to Earth, a massive earthquake in the Himalayas will cause a dam to burst, and a large fire in an historic Dutch building will see many art masterpieces destroyed. Time to invest in art perhaps?

So there you have it --better healthcare, more fulfilling relationships with our technology devices, and extinction avoided (albeit with a few natural disasters to put up with along the way). Bring it on 2016!

Earn Your Wings as a Snow Angel -

City Councillor, Druh Farrell

Every act of kindness is as unique as every snowflake. The act of shoveling a neighbour's walk may look similar but the reason it is important to your neighbour is uniquely special. Helping a neighbour with their walkway will brighten their day, make the pathway safe for everyone and make you the local favourite. Win, win, win!

As you shovel your walk this winter, take a few extra minutes to clear a neighbour's too.

To learn more about the program or to find out information about recognizing a Snow Angel, visit calgary.ca/snowangels.

Benefits of Snow Angels (Source: Federation of Calgary Communities)

1. People who are less mobile may fear losing the homes they love or having to leave the communities they've lived in for years if they are unable to keep their sidewalks clear. By removing snow for neighbours, you may be able to help them feel secure staying in their homes
2. Paramedics experience a dramatic increase in heart-related calls after heavy snowfalls. Cold air and heavy lifting can cause strain on the heart which leads to cardiac distress, especially for the elderly or those with physical ailments.
3. Social isolation can contribute to a low quality of life. For some, daily interactions with Snow Angels provide a source of community inclusion and pride.
4. Neighbours who know each other are less likely to be victims of crime as people look out for those they know.



Calgary Police Service Buy and Sell Zone



**BUYING, SELLING, OR TRADING
PROPERTY ONLINE?
CONCERNED ABOUT THEFT OR FRAUD?**

In order to increase public safety and reduce crime, the Calgary Police Service invites you to use public parking lots at local police stations to facilitate property transactions arranged online.

Police officers are able to assist in matters of bylaw, provincial and criminal offences; however police officers are unable to assist in negotiating civil property transactions.

Buy & Sell Zones located in Calgary Police Services public parking lots at district offices are monitored by surveillance cameras. Personal information is collected by the surveillance cameras in the Buy & Sell Zones for the purposes of promoting public safety and reducing crime. Any questions about this collection can be directed to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Section of the Calgary Police Services at 403-428-8484.

Fun 'N'Dance – Storybook ballet classes starting in January 2016

Fun 'n' Dance is currently taking registrations for our Storybook Ballet class, a fun introduction to ballet for children ages 3-4 years old. There are 2 classes to choose from:

- Thursday mornings: 9:30 to 10:15 (starting Jan.7, 2016)
- Saturday mornings: 9:00 to 9:45 (starting Jan.9, 2016)

The cost is \$54/month, and both classes will run until the end of May. Classes are held in the dance studio at the Rosedale Community Centre (901-11 Ave NW).

Please contact Miss Julie for more information at [403-289-9240](tel:403-289-9240) or by email at prattrj@telus.net

Community News

2016 Community Memberships are still available

\$25/family, \$15/single, or \$5/senior household.

Your membership fee supports so many valuable community initiatives that help make Rosedale a special place to live. If you are participating in a community program, you need to have a membership.

You can email marnie-jo@shaw.ca, drop off to 750 Crescent Rd NW, or go online: www.myrosedale.info

HipKids Project: Be Someone's Valentine!



This month, we are going to celebrate Valentine's Day by giving out Valentine treats to the kids receiving a lunch through Brown Bagging. You can donate a small Valentine-themed toy (like a pencil or activity book or slinky) or a NUT FREE treat like a granola bar or individually boxed treat that is labeled it is from a nut free factory. You can also make a Valentine card that will be given out on your behalf. Brown Bagging for Calgary's Kids has one goal: no hungry kids in Calgary. They strive toward this goal each day by providing healthy lunches directly to kids, by working with schools to identify kids who are hungry and find ways to feed them.

If you have any donations, they can be dropped off on Marnie's doorstep @750 Crescent Rd, NW. Please visit www.behip.ca for more information. Humanity In Practice is a movement of Calgarians who want to simply make a difference.

Rosedale Playschool

Rosedale Playschool is already gearing up for the 2016/17 school year! If you are interested in finding out more about our Reggio inspired program, we invite you to attend an open house for students and parents on Feb 2. A parent information night will be held on Feb 17.



Registration for returning students is on Feb 18 and for alumni and new students on Feb. 24! Be sure to mark your calendars! For more information, go to rosedaleplayschool.com.

Winter Yoga Classes

Yoga for Backs (Critical Alignment)

with Bridgette:

Mondays, 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Jan 4th to March 21st (no class Feb 15th)

11 classess. Cost: \$110/session

Drop-in: \$12/class

Hatha Yoga with Sophie:

Mondays, 9:30 to 11:00 am

Jan 4th to March 21st (no class Feb 15th)

11 classess. Cost: \$140/session

Drop-in: \$15/class

Wednesdays, 9:30 am to 11:00 am

Jan 6th to March 30th (13 classes)

Cost: \$165/session

Drop-in: \$15/class

**Participants in Rosedale Community Association (RCA) classes require a valid Rosedale Community Membership

Rosedale Classified and News

- **Loving care for small dogs in Rosedale home.** \$25.00/day. Phone 403-289-6356
- **The Rosedale Sailing Parent's Group** Pasta Evening with Silent Auction and live Jazz band [John de Waal Trio]. Friday, January 29th, 2016. Time: 6:00pm to 10:30pm at the Rosedale Community Hall. Tickets: \$20 each [only 100 tickets available]. Contact stevens.family@shaw.ca for tickets.
- **Keys found.** December 7th a set of keys (house/office?) were found on the street in the 1400 block of 6th street. Call 403-282-0341 if they are yours.
- **Guitar Lessons** from an experienced guitarist at convenient, well equipped Rosedale home music studio. You will learn by doing and feel confident about your playing. Beginner, intermediate. All genres of music, according to your interest and ability. Can combine some singing and playing if that is your interest. Recording facility available so you can see how you sound – great way to learn. A chance to use and develop your talents, you'll be glad you did. Retirees more than welcome (great activity) and any others (young, teen, middle aged, whomever). Don't put it off any longer, playing and further developing yourself on the guitar is exhilarating and a lot of fun!! \$40.00 per hour. Call John at 403-284-0577.

Community Association of Lifelong Learners (CALL) Events in January:

All events take place in the Rosedale Community Hall and are free for Rosedale residents.

Science and Environment Speaker Series

Wednesday, January 6th, 7:30 to 9:30 pm **Marble Canyon Cambrian Fossils:**

In 2012 paleontologists made a discovery that will change the way we view the origins of animal life. Similar in age to the famous Burgess Shale fossils, the Cambrian fossil site in Marble Canyon also shares incredible fossil preservation and diversity of life.

The Marble Canyon site is dominated by arthropods, as is the Burgess Shale, and is remarkable for its high density and diversity of soft-bodied fossils, as well as for its large proportion of new species. Fantastic soft part preservation of previously unknown anatomical features sheds light on how these amazing creatures lived, died and evolved into more familiar forms.

We will look at the Marble Canyon discovery in the context of the origin of life itself and the evolutionary pathway that led from these bizarre organisms to the major groups that continue to dominate life on Earth. Our own earliest ancestor is among this group of weird and wonderful creatures.

We are delighted to have David Moore speak to us again. This will be David's third presentation to CALL and those who attended his previous talks know they are in for a lively, entertaining and knowledgeable presentation. David is a Petroleum Geologist by trade and an enthusiastic volunteer guide at the Burgess shale. David was previously a panel member for our fracking presentation and spoke to us subsequently about the Burgess Shale fossils.

Treks and Travels

Wednesday, January 20th, 7:30 to 9:00 pm **Everest Base Camp Trek** – Kenn Charlton

CALL Café

Monday, January 11th, 1-3 pm **From Apology to Calls for Action: After the Truth and Reconciliation Commission** - Very Reverend Dr. Bill Phipps, United Church of Canada, Carolyn Pogue and Gabrielle Lindstrom. You are invited to a presentation about why apology was necessary and how it is being lived out in Canada today. Join the conversation about where we go next.

Bill Phipps is a retired United Church minister and, as Moderator of the church, offered the 1998 Apology to former students of Indian Residential Schools. He is an outspoken activist and presenter, particularly in the areas of Aboriginal rights and Climate justice. For more information click www.billphipps.ca.

Carolyn Pogue is a writer, author and activist, especially for peace education. She serves on The Child Well-being Initiative, a women's church group that calls attention to Alberta children living in poverty. For more information click www.carolynpogue.ca.

Bill and Carolyn have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. They co-authored the booklet, *"Sorry: Why our church apologized."* This booklet and other titles will be for sale after their presentation.

Gabrielle Lindstrom is a PhD student in Adult Learning and, as a member of the Blood Tribe whose parents attended the Indian Residential Schools, she has felt the direct effects of inter-generational trauma. She will tell her story of how the Indian Residential Schools have impacted her life and provide insight into how inter-generational trauma continues to impact Aboriginal peoples in Canada today

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What's happening	More info
Explore what The City has to offer during the snowy season - from how to get around, stay safe and keep active.	calgary.ca/winter
Recycle your real Christmas tree this year. Place your tree on the ground near your garbage collection spot by 7.am. on Friday, January 8. Leave the tree out and it will be picked up by January 31.	calgary.ca/christmas tree
Make sure you know what's naughty or nice for your blue cart recycling this Christmas. Find the answers with our online search tool at calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere .	calgary.ca/whatgoeswhere
Be a Snow Angel! As you shovel your walk this winter, clear a neighbour's too. You'll help them, and everyone else traveling in your community.	calgary.ca/snowangels
Check out the Citizen Dashboard pilot, an online tool that gives Calgarians access to information about City performance and how City services contribute to Calgary's quality of life.	calgary.ca/citizen dashboard
The City is looking for more Calgarians to join Calgary's online panel.	citizensvie w.ca

Fire Safety - A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities Building Safe Communities Program

Each year the Calgary Fire Department responds to over 1000 fires in Calgary. Here are some tips on staying safe from the Calgary Fire Department:

- Ensure your bedroom doors are closed while you are sleeping
- Ensure there are smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home
- Ensure there are at least 2 exits out any room where people are sleeping (ex. a window and a door)
- Prepare a home fire escape plan including a meeting place

Want to learn more about home fire safety? Please join us and the Calgary Fire Department for a FREE informative session on home fire safety. Topics include: Fire extinguishers, home escape plans, fire prevention tips, fire detection requirements and more.

Date: Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Location: Marlborough Park Community Association - 636 Marlborough Way NE

Time: 7 – 9 pm

Cost: FREE to the public – space is limited

Register: calgarycommunities.com/events

What's Really Happened in Calgary Real Estate & Where Might we be Headed? -Curtis Atkinson

What a year for Calgary...Oil & Gas, Real Estate, employment numbers, interest rates, currency drop, new financial / banking lending rules & provisions, government + political changes and the spotlight on Alberta in general. Not all great, let's face it. People always ask me what's happening in Real Estate"And don't sugar-coat it". Well, I don't sugar coat anything. It is what it is and the bottom line is that we have swung from a healthy SELLERS market in June of 2014 to a BUYERS market in September of 2015, where we remain. The Oil & Gas market seeing \$36/BOE (the lowest since 2004) held off the buyers, creating more inventory (4.5 months' worth) which levelled off pricing (Down approx. 8% yr over yr)--Especially in the High-End, luxury listings, making up for only 3.9% off the market (over 1 Million+). The 1 Million to 2 Million market only made up 2.45% this year. The hot market were listings between \$300k-\$500k, making up over 50% of solds. Homes sold OVER asking price were down 48%, AVG 'days on market' were up from 38 to 48, new listings were up 5% and the OVERALL market was DOWN approx. 30% in sales from last year. The AVG home now in Calgary sells for \$470,000. Our little gem of a neighborhood, ROSEDALE, managed to keep prices fairly close to list... Pricing homes well and having the buyers on hand seems to be the key to less days on market as well.

It all sounds so doom and gloom, but when you consider where you're moving to, what product you are selling, a potential lifestyle change (upgrading or downsizing), you are selling in a market that is relative. You may see 10%-12% less on the sales price vs. last year, but you can more than make it up on the purchase. SO, Yes, it is still a good time to sell, then buy. The FUTURE, in my eyes w/ Oil & Gas at \$40, we will continue to see a slow decline in avg prices and if inventory levels rise, a more rapid decline in prices. Who know for how long? I think if we see Oil stabilize in the next 2 years, back to respectable levels, we may see a levelling and slight return to home pricing gains. Remember, Real Estate is all about timing. Every 6-7 years, we see Calgary take a surge & slide. Right now, heading in to 2016, I feel the market

to be very unpredictable... There are few reasons to see any positive moves happening for 1-2 years. We only retire once (usually) and we need to ensure that we do our best to make very educated decisions on when we buy & sell. You don't have to be in SELLING mode to sit down and discuss future options; so do it now and talk to a Pro... Did you know that over the last 29 years, Real Estate in Calgary returned 6.78% per year on AVG & from 2005 to 2007; we jumped 57.94% in only 2 years... The message is simple: We see only so many 'jumps' in a cycle of 10 years, so when it's time to sell or decide to buy, make sure that the information you receive is the best possible information out there. It's pretty easy to list a home, it's the 'actual selling' component that is crucial... Ask a pro, it's too big of an investment to take a chance on not receiving the most amount of money in the least amount of time with the least amount of stress!!

Development Permits Committee – Bob Moir, Laura Snowball and James Reid



Since our last report, we have had only one new DP application and subsequent approval. The approved permit is for a new single family residence and detached garage at 1431 – 7A Street. The long-time owner of the property contacted our committee, showed us the plans and did the same for the immediate neighbours. The City, as expected, approved the proposal. We delivered notices to the immediate neighbours indicating the DP approval. We also notified these folks that we would make ourselves and the plans available, upon request, to anyone interested in viewing them and discussing the proposal.

In the past we have held meetings with immediate neighbours to proposed developments for both contextual and discretionary projects. We found this process to be favourably received by most Rosedale residents. Rosedale has had a history of active participation and partnership with the City's planning department with respect to the development decisions in our neighbourhood. Recently the City has altered the neighbourhood consultative process and has not asked for neighbourhood input with regard to "contextual" developments. If the proposals meet the contextual guidelines the development permits for said proposals are approved and our committee and Rosedale residents are notified of the approvals afterward. It has become abundantly clear that city planning has restricted the consultative process. We are now only made aware of proposed developments and asked for input if said proposals are "discretionary".

As a result of this change in the planning department's policies we have decided to alter our process of calling meetings to discuss development proposals. We will now be sending out notices of contextual approvals to the neighbours and indicating our willingness to meet with any neighbours who request it. We will suspend our past process of automatically calling meetings for contextual development permits but will retain our process of calling meetings for proposals that the city considers to be discretionary.

This makes it all the more important that anyone wishing to renovate or build new in Rosedale will hopefully contact our Committee prior to their application for a Development Permit. By doing so it is our hope that neighbourhood input can be part of a process that makes any application more expedited and favourably received.

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Additional information about Development Permits or Committee Information may be found on the Rosedale website at <http://myrosedale.info> .