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Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush!

Doug Larson

After this particularly cold and snowy winter, we can't wait to see the snow gone and the first green shoots starting to appear. With Spring just around the corner and the days getting longer, it's time to come out of hibernation and tackle a few home maintenance tasks before the gardening season hits, so we've included a few tips below. It may not look like it right now, but before we even know it, the golf courses will be open again, we'll dust off the patio furniture and swap our winter boots for sandals.... although this year we might keep those boots handy just a little while longer. Happy Spring!

Spring Home Maintenance Tips

- Clean out your gutters and downspouts, and make sure they drain away from your foundation.
- Use a pair of binoculars to inspect your roof for damage.
- Check for low areas in your yard and fill with compacted soil to avoid pooling water.
- Inspect concrete slabs around your house for signs of cracks or movement and fill.
- Check your outside faucets for freeze damage. Turn the water on and place your thumb over the opening. If you can stop the flow of water, it is likely the pipe inside the house is leaking.
- Check sprinkler and irrigation systems, make sure none of the sprinkler heads are damaged and adjust the direction of the spray, if necessary.
- Have your air conditioning system serviced to keep it working efficiently.
- Tend to chipping paint, crumbling bricks and small holes in your siding.
- Check your power lawn equipment to make sure it is ready for summer use.
- Inspect trees and shrubs around your home and trim branches to keep them between 5 and 7 feet away from the house so they don't conduct moisture onto your roof or siding, and to keep critters away from your rooftop.



QUARRY PARK AND AREA INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES



Spring Clean-Up Street Sweeping

The 2018 Spring Clean-up program starts on April 2 and will run until the beginning of June. Daytime crews will be sweeping 7 days a week, and on major roads evening crews will be working 4 nights a week. The street sweeping schedule and a live progress map can be found at Calgary.ca/sweep. You can also sign up to receive an email notification 24 hours before your street is scheduled to be swept.

Watch for the street cleaning signs that will be placed around the community, indicating where and when the parking ban is in effect. Any vehicle that has not been removed from the street during the times indicated on the signs is subject to ticketing, so make sure to make arrangements for someone else to move your vehicle if you are away. If street sweeping falls on a garbage pickup day, place your garbage bins on the sidewalk or grass boulevard next to the curb when sweeping is scheduled.



Green Line LRT Update

Construction on stage 1 of the Green Line LRT, which includes Quarry Park, is set to start in 2020, and work has begun to develop technical documents that will guide that construction. Over the past two months The City of Calgary has hosted several in-person and on-line opportunities for Calgarians to provide feedback on the Green Line construction, covering topics from street furnishing, fencing and crosswalk treatments to how Green Line stations and plazas can be used as community spaces. The City has developed a new look for the Green Line stations that will be applied across the entire alignment. The design is meant to easily integrate into each distinct neighbourhood while keeping a recognizable look along the line. To see a video of the proposed architectural concepts of the Green Line stations on YouTube, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rzIP6Hsn8Q&feature=youtu.be.



QUARRY PARK EVENTS & PROGRAMS



Happenings at the Y

◆ Spring Session

The YMCA's spring session begins on April 2, 2018. Registration for members and non-members is open now by phone, online or in person. Check out the program guide online at ymcocalgary.org/program-descriptions for more information.

◆ School Break & Summer Camps

Registration has started and is ongoing for the YMCA's school break day camps offered from March 26 to April 6, and for the Summer Camps hosted from July 2 to August 26 at Camp YMCA, Camp Riveredge and Camp Chief Hector. To see full program details and a listing of dates and times, visit the online program search and registration system "YMCA Online" at ymcocalgary.org/registration and click on the Programs tab.

◆ YMCA Family Fun Run & Walk for Strong Kids on Saturday, April 28th, at the Eau Claire YMCA

All proceeds from the Family Fun Run go towards YMCA Strong Kids, an annual fundraising campaign supporting programs that give kids the opportunities they need to reach their full potential. The YMCA offers free entry and transportation to and from the event for all Grade 6 YMCA members! To register for the event, sign up online or at Member Services. For more information about the YMCA Strong Kids campaign, visit ymca.ca/Get-Involved/Donate/YMCA-Strong-Kids-Campaign.



IN AND AROUND QUARRY PARK...



News from The Market at Quarry Park

Have you ever thought about the impact that the plastic straws used in food service establishments have on the environment? In 2016 and 2017 combined, Original Joe's estimates that they used over 7 million straws in their restaurants. In an attempt to drastically reduce this number, Original Joe's is eliminating all plastic straws and is replacing them with biodegradable ones, which are available upon request.

And another update from Original Joe's: minors are now permitted at their Quarry Park location from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

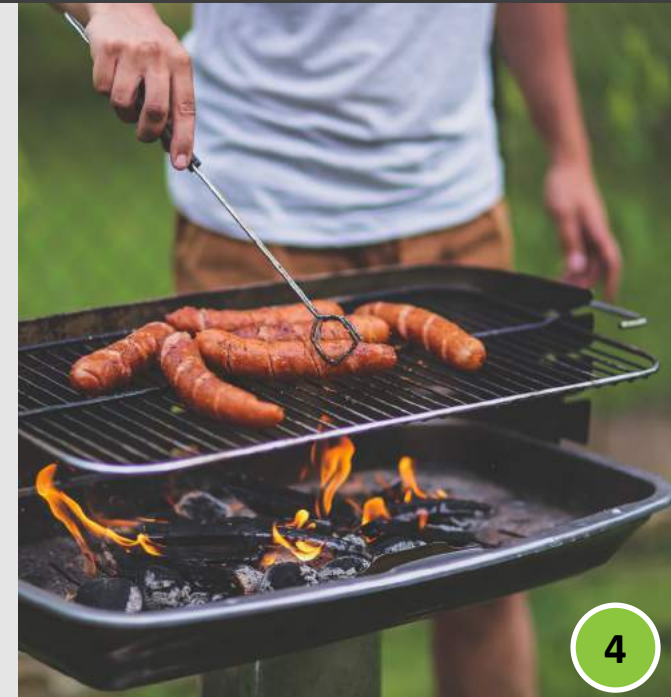


Neighbour Day – June 16, 2018

Neighbour Day originated in 2014 to celebrate the outpouring of support and generosity by Calgarians after the 2013 flood. It has evolved into an annual opportunity for neighbours to come together and celebrate the unique qualities that make their neighbourhood special. This year, Neighbour Day will be on **Saturday, June 16**. The City of Calgary is encouraging everyone to host local community events such as block parties, street chalk drawing competitions, neighbourhood picnics, potlucks or BBQs to meet your neighbours, have fun and enjoy your community.

Some events such as block parties or events held at a greenspace require a permit. The deadline for permit applications is May 25. To support the communities, The City is waiving all permit fees for block party and greenspace bookings on Neighbour Day.

If you are interested in planning and hosting a Neighbour Day community event, visit www.Calgary.ca/NeighbourDay. The website has links to planning ideas, permit applications, FAQs and some very helpful tools and resources such as a block party guide, invitation templates and planning checklists.





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Calgary Wildlife

If you are taking advantage of Quarry Park's many green spaces, natural areas and pathways, chances are that you have seen or at least heard a coyote. At this time of the year, coyote activity around the city usually increases due to mating season. Coyotes are part of our urban wildlife and are present in many communities as food sources are easily available. They mainly feed on small mammals but have occasionally attacked domestic pets. Generally coyotes are no threat to people but should be treated with respect and should never be approached or fed. There are a number of things you can do to keep coyotes out of your yard and to coexist safely with them. You can find this information and tips on how to avoid conflicts with coyotes on The City's Animal Services website at calgary.ca/CSPS/ABS/Pages/Animal-Services/Complaints-coyotes.aspx.

Shepard Landfill is Re-Opening for Residents

Garbage or yard waste that does not fit into your black cart can soon be taken to the Shepard Landfill again. The facility's Throw 'n' Go area will re-open to residential customers between April and October from Tuesday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The landfill will accept household chemicals, paint, electronics, appliances, tires, yard waste, separated construction and demolition materials (asphalt shingles, drywall, lumber) and garbage that is too bulky for a black cart. Visit www.calgary.ca/landfill for more information.

Spring is Coming!

Easter is a wonderful time to enjoy all of our many blessings: family, friends, the arrival of spring, and of course chocolate Easter bunnies! For some great ideas on what to do this Easter weekend, from Easter egg hunts to some of the best places for an Easter brunch, check out todocanada.ca/things-easter-calgary.



HAPPY EASTER!

