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Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.

Fall has arrived, and although we never seem to get enough of those long hot summer days, there are many reasons to be excited about autumn. This is the time to marvel at the vibrant fall colours, leap into a pile of leaves with your kids (or without them!), have some hot apple cider by a bonfire, explore corn mazes and harvest festivals, celebrate the return of football season, and enjoy a pumpkin spice latte while soaking up the last few rays on a warm afternoon. Let's embrace sweater weather and appreciate Mother Nature's colourful transitions during a season of winding down and letting things go to make room for new beginnings. Happy Fall!

Yard Maintenance Tips

It is time to get started on the annual fall cleanup. The green carts make yard waste disposal pretty easy if you keep a few things in mind:

- Always fill your green cart first. Once it is full, use paper yard waste bags and make sure the tops of the bags are rolled closed. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.
- Tie extra branches into bundles with natural fibre string. Branches must be less than 6 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length. Place branch bundles and paper yard waste bags at least 1 foot to the side of the green cart.
- During the busy yard season, the green carts will always be emptied but the pickup of extra yard waste bags may be limited. If your bags did not get picked up, please store them on your property until the next week's collection.
- There is a weight limit of 60 kg for green carts, and 20 kg for paper yard waste bags. If you can easily roll your cart and easily pick up your bag, they should be okay.
- From **September 28 to October 28**, you can drop off extra yard waste at City of Calgary landfills for FREE. Only yard waste like leaves, branches, plants and grass clippings is free. Sod, food waste or other garbage is subject to the standard garbage rates.
- The Spyhill and East Calgary landfills chip larger branches into mulch. You can pick up mulch free of charge but you are responsible for loading the mulch into your own vehicle.

For more information please visit <http://www.calgary.ca/UEP/WRS/Pages/Recycling-information/Residential-services/Organics-recycling/Fall-yard-waste-drop-off.aspx>.





QUARRY PARK INFRASTRUCTURE

South Crosstown BRT Update

The installation of the bus shelters along the new South Crosstown route is nearly complete and the BRT will start running this fall with service every 25 minutes. Buses will travel faster than other traffic along the route by way of traffic signals that provide an extended green light when buses are approaching, and by transit-only queue jumps that allow buses to get ahead of other traffic at signalized intersections.

You may have noticed that the new shelters along 18th Street incorporate public art on the shelter glass. The artworks are from the City of Calgary Public Art Collection and are meant to celebrate the depth and breadth of this important legacy. It has also been shown in other jurisdictions that the use of images to visually enhance the waiting area reduces the amount of vandalism and resulting operating costs.

The City is planning to rebrand the BRT service as “Max Routes” to differentiate it from other routes and highlight the enhanced service on the Max lines. Each of the three new lines will be given a different colour, and each route will have a bus custom-painted in its colour to promote awareness of the service. The South Crosstown route servicing Quarry Park will be branded as the Max Teal line.



Quarry Park History

These two photos show Quarry Park in 2006, just before the start of development, and what it looks like today. It is pretty amazing to see how this blighted landscape was transformed into a beautiful, flourishing and vibrant community in just over a decade!





QUARRY PARK EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Happenings at the Y

September 10 marked the beginning of the YMCA's Fall Programs. Here is what's happening this fall at the Remington YMCA in Quarry Park:

- ◆ **CALGARY FLAMES GRADE 6 STUDENT PROGRAM**
Every Grade 6 student in Calgary receives a free membership and active programming during their Grade 6 year!
- ◆ **TWO NEW PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES WITH KIDS 5 – 15 YEARS OLD**
Family Open Gym: Sundays from 2 pm to 3 pm
Family Yoga: Sundays from 3 pm to 4 pm
- ◆ **NO JOINING FEE IN SEPTEMBER**
If you purchase a membership by September 30, the YMCA will waive the \$75 one-time joining fee.
- ◆ **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
The Remington YMCA is looking for volunteers for child care, childminding and preschool (volunteering at the family playground, movement & swim, creative exploration, song & dance, and multi-day preschool). Please contact Sheryl Fernandes-McKenna (Preschool) at sheryl.fernandes-mckenna@calgary.ymca.ca or Amie Roach (Childminding and Child Care) at amie.roach@calgary.ymca.ca for further details.
- ◆ **NEW YMCA ADDITION**
The Teaja Organic Teabar is now open at the Remington YMCA, featuring a wide variety of signature tea beverages, smoothies, coffee beverages, sandwiches, artisan salads and more, all made with seasonal and locally sourced ingredients.





IN AND AROUND QUARRY PARK...

Events In And Around Quarry Park

◆ WARD 12 TRAFFIC SAFETY MEETING – OCTOBER 11

The City of Calgary and the Calgary Police Service are holding community traffic safety meetings in each ward to give citizens an opportunity to share information concerning traffic safety and hear feedback on The City's traffic safety initiatives based on previously expressed concerns. The meetings give citizens an opportunity to speak directly to traffic experts and officers.

The Ward 12 meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 11, from 7 to 8 pm** at the First Alliance Church on 40th Street SE. For more information please visit:

<http://www.calgary.ca/Transportation/Roads/Pages/Traffic/Traffic-safety-programs/Traffic-safety-ward-meetings.aspx>

◆ QUEST THEATRE AT THE CARDEL THEATRE – OCTOBER 29

"Flibbertigibbet's Story Exhibit", Quest Theatre's new whimsical interactive extravaganza of stories and songs for children 3 to 7 years old, will perform at the Cardel Theatre on **October 29, 2018 at 10:30 am and 1:00 pm**.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.questtheatre.org.

◆ JOY AND VITALITY CENTRE

The Joy and Vitality Centre at The Market offers a variety of monthly events to improve and maintain your health and wellness, from Kids Yoga to Stress Management or Brain Health. One event that caught our eye is the "Family Day in the Salt Cave", which is held every Saturday starting at 10:30 a.m. Salt halotherapy is an all-natural way to prevent colds and boost the immune system, which is especially important at this time of the year.

For more information please visit www.joyandvitalitycentre.ca.





Thanksgiving Weekend

Thanksgiving is just around the corner! The long weekend will be the last time you can enjoy some of our favourite Calgary attractions before they close for the winter. Here are some suggestions for great places to celebrate Thanksgiving with your family:

- **The Autumn Pumpkin Festival at the Calgary Corn Maze – October 6-8**

Enjoy pumpkin picking, face painting, pony rides, a magic show, candy pumpkin explosion, craft stations, pig races and all the regular maze attractions. www.calgarycornmaze.com

- **Heritage Park Thanksgiving Weekend – October 6-8**

This will be your last chance to enjoy the Heritage Park attractions this year, plus pumpkin baking demonstrations, fall crafts and more. The Wainwright Hotel will be offering a three-course Thanksgiving turkey lunch. www.heritagepark.ca

- **Pumpkin Festival at the Blue Grass Nursery – October 7**

This fun family event in support of Alberta Children's Hospital offers face painting, hay rides, giant straw maze, petting zoo, pumpkin carving, colouring contest, a giant pumpkin smash and much more. www.bluegrassnursery.com

- **Pumpkin Palooza at Cobb's Corn Maze – October 6-8**

Walk through the pumpkin patch, pick your favourite pumpkins for Halloween, pet the kangaroos and enjoy the many other attractions. www.cobbsadventurepark.com

- **Calaway Park Thank You Calgary Weekend – October 6-8**

On the last weekend of the season, Calaway Park wants to thank Calgary. Show your Calgary Co-op membership card and receive admission for only \$10 plus GST per person for up to 4 people. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Calgary Community Kitchen. www.calawaypark.com

For more ideas, the "Things to Do" website at www.todocanada.ca offers a great weekly digest of events, music, theatre, sports etc. for each upcoming weekend.



Happy Fall and Happy Thanksgiving!

