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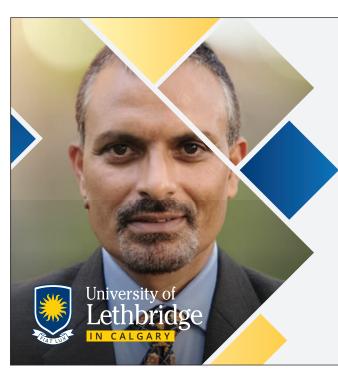






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AUBURN BAY NOTES



The new year is moving along very quickly. We are starting to make plans for this year's events and will be sharing details as they come together for: Auburn Bay Parks Cleanup, YYC Community Cleanup, Community Gardens opening, and our Stampede

Breakfast. Is there something you would like to see added to the schedule? We would love your input. Please email us at events@auburnbayca.ca or call us at 403-744-5301, ext. 1.

We are still awaiting answers from our MP's office as to what details/information is provided to newcomers, but I wanted to reiterate that if you know of a family in Auburn Bay that is new to Canada, let them know "free" resources are available, they just need to ask. Immigrant Services can be reached at 403-265-1120, and the City of Calgary has a full list of resources at https://www.calgary.ca/communities/newcomers/non-city-resources.html or by searching their website. They can also call 211 for other city resources/programs.

The fraudulent calls I am getting are almost daily. From an Amazon account purchase, to the less recent CRA and Microsoft ones. If the CRA ever calls you, please ensure to ask for a CRA agent ID number and advise them that you will call them back on their 1-800 number; they will usually hang up at that time. I have had a number of calls indicating that an arrest warrant has been issued, but no one has shown up; and Microsoft will never call you about an issue with your computer, they are just trying to get you to give them access to your computer and then they can hijack it. I recently had the opportunity to see a YouTuber, Pierogi, who is a hacker, that is fighting back by hacking the spammers, it was definitely entertaining to see them getting payback.

Living in a large city, I have gotten used to seeing graffiti and tagging in various places. Recently, Auburn Bay was hit with a tagger that even chose to tag the side of someone's house in addition to a number of mailboxes and the daycare under construction. I had the opportunity to ask someone in the school system what it costs to cover up graffiti in/on the schools and they calculated that it would be between \$250 and \$500 per incident, and I would assume this cost would be similar to what the City pays for covering up graffiti on public property, never mind business and homeowners. These

are costs that we as taxpayers cover. I mention this as two days after the electrical box on the future CA site got painted over, the unit was tagged again. It looks so unappealing with scribbling on it, but why make it look nice just for it to happen again? Maybe if we had a better art canvas, we could see what artwork we could come up with there. Please have a conversation with your kids about the value of adding their artwork to other people's property, as this problem is getting worse in areas I know only our kids have access to.

Thank you to Rob W. for stepping up to defend this newsletter on social media. We have been asking for over six years for a newsletter editor to help add in community content to it. We can only improve on things with the support of volunteers. So, if you want to see better information here (or on the road signs), it is time for you to step up and volunteer.

Currently the CA is looking at replacing the green shed on the future CA site with something slightly larger and maintenance free. We have come up with a couple of options, and now we are trying to raise the \$20k to help get it put in place. If you know of a company that would be interested in donating, please ask them to email us at admin@auburnbayca.ca or call the CA number listed above.

Traffic issues are still continuing throughout the community with aggressive drivers threatening to harm people that react to them, and people not following the laws. We are looking to have a new CPS service out to check areas of concern to see if anything can be done to mitigate the issues. As noted before, please ensure to get a license plate and report incidents to the non-emergency number at 403-266-1234 and they will call the registered owner of the vehicle to have a conversation regarding their driving. Please also remember to call 311 for any concerns that you would like the city to address, such as traffic. The more complaints they receive on a matter makes it a higher priority for them to address.

We are just awaiting a revision of the drawing for the community garden and expect to be able to share that information in the coming months. If you are interested in putting your name on the list for the 2023 Community Garden spaces, please go to https://forms. qle/ZSo4TUpB8yDLPETv5.

Auburn House (Auburn Bay Residents Association) is hosting a Free Seniors' Event every Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30 pm, and they would like to extend an invitation to residents to come out and enjoy an afternoon of refreshments, conversation, and potentially games with others. They noted that guests are welcome to attend as well.

The Community Kitchen Good Food Box program continues to grow each month and is a great opportunity to get affordable and delicious produce. You can get a small box (approximately 20 to 25lbs) for \$25, medium (30 to 35lbs) for \$30, or large (40 to 45lbs) for \$35, delivered once a month. Please check out the post on our website for the google form to place your order.

Auburn Bay has a large number of Facebook groups. There is a Pet Group, Seniors Group, Grillers Group, Ladies Group, Food Lovers Group, Gardening Group, Community Garden Group, Ladies Clothing Exchange Group, Business Group, Buy-Nothing Group... the list is nearly endless. Make sure to go and check these fabulous interest groups out.

Finally, a reminder that the next CA online meeting will be on February 8, followed by March 8. These meetings are open to everyone, and we look forward to having you there for your input and participation. The links to join in the meeting are available on our website. We have also uploaded the minutes from the past meetings as well.

Carla Obuck

Sports and Events Director, Auburn Bay Community Association (ABCA)



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LIVING DINOSAURS

Crocodiles have been roaming the earth for over 150 million years, which basically makes them living dinosaurs. One thing that has helped them to survive is their incredible bite force – the strongest in the entire animal kingdom! Amazingly, saltwater crocodiles have a bite force of 3,700 pounds per square inch, which is the strongest bite ever recorded!



What Can Go in Your Blue Cart?

from the City of Calgary

Your blue cart is for acceptable household paper, cardboard, and container packaging. It is important to recycle the right things in your blue cart and community recycling depots, and properly prepare your materials.

When you put in items that don't belong, it can cause injuries to workers and costly shutdowns at recycling sorting facilities. Not sure where to put an item? Check out What Goes Where: https://www.calgary.ca/waste/what-goes-where/default.html.

Put These Items into Your Blue Cart:

1. Bundled Stretchy Plastic Bags and Cling Wrap

Bundle all stretchy plastic bags into a single plastic bag and tie closed before recycling. Acceptable bags include:

- · Grocery bags
- · Shopping bags
- · Sandwich/lunch bags
- · Resealable/Ziploc bags
- · Freezer bags
- · Bread bags
- · Dry cleaner bags
- Plastic overwrap (wrapping on toilet or paper towel, water bottle cases)
- Plastic film wrap (saran wrap)
- Bubble wrap

Tip: If the plastic bag/wrap stretches (like a grocery bag) it's recyclable; if it does not stretch, is crinkly, or tears (like a chip bag or cellophane), it's not recyclable.

2. Paper and Cardboard

- Cardboard boxes (cereal, pizza, tissue boxes, etc.)
- · Toilet and paper towel tubes
- · Catalogues, magazines, and telephone books
- Newspapers, flyers, and brochures
- Letters and envelopes (remove plastic window)
- · Paper coffee cups and fountain pop cups (no lid)
- Greeting cards
- Non-foil paper gift wrap
- · Paper bags
- Soup and beverage cartons (e.g.Tetra Pak® packages)
- · Milk cartons and juice boxes
- Shredded paper (in a see-through bag and tied closed)
- Paperback and hardcover books (separate hardcovers from pages)



3. Container Packaging

Your blue cart is for containers – bottles, jugs, jars, cartons, cans, and other rigid containers.

3a. Containers made of plastic

- Milk jugs
- Yogurt tubs
- Pop bottles
- · Takeout containers
- · Laundry detergent container
- Body lotion containers (no tubes)
- Beverage and juice bottles
- · Mouthwash bottles
- Shampoo and conditioner bottles (no hand pumps)
- Molded plastic packaging
- A plastic holder with a cardboard backing separate each item for recycling
- Clamshell packaging
- Divided food trays like cookie trays or party trays

Tip: Once you have determined that your plastic item is a container, then look for a recycling symbol from 1 through 7. If your plastic item is not a container, do not recycle.

3b. Containers made of tin – food cans and tin foil

- Tin food cans
- Clean tin foil (crumple up)
- Foil takeout containers and pie plates
- Tin containers (e.g. cookie tins)
- · Pop cans

3c. Containers made of glass – food jars and bottles

- Glass food jars baby food jars, salsa jars
- Glass bottles pop bottles, condiment bottles

Lids and Caps

- Metal lids must be larger than 5 cm (two inches) in diameter
- Plastic lids must be larger than 7.5 cm (three inches) in diameter

Tip: If the lid is about the size of the palm of your hand, it's okay to recycle. Please note that all coffee cup lids belong in the garbage. They are too light to be sorted properly at the recycling facility.



Auburn Bay Real Estate Update Last 12 Months Auburn Bay MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
December 2022	\$409,900	\$398,000
November 2022	\$559,900	\$553,750
October 2022	\$430,000	\$407,750
September 2022	\$519,900	\$527,500
August 2022	\$375,000	\$375,000
July 2022	\$452,450	\$450,500
June 2022	\$389,900	\$400,500
May 2022	\$475,000	\$475,000
April 2022	\$517,400	\$540,000
March 2022	\$486,450	\$521,134
February 2022	\$593,950	\$655,025
January 2022	\$475,000	\$525,000

Last 12 Months Auburn Bay MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

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	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold				
December 2022	18	17				
November 2022	16	24				
October 2022	18	25				
September 2022	31	26				
August 2022	42	39				
July 2022	38	38				
June 2022	54	59				
May 2022	78	67				
April 2022	69	64				
March 2022	93	90				
February 2022	85	74				
January 2022	40	31				

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **auburnbay.mycalgary.com**

Snow and Ice Removal

Bylaws Related to Snow and Ice

Calgary winters are more safe and manageable when everyone pitches in to clear snow and ice. While the City does its part clearing roads, designated pathways, sidewalks, and other high-use public areas, section 67 of the Street Bylaw requires Calgary property owners to:

- Remove snow and ice down to bare surface from public sidewalks bordering their private property within 24 hours of a snowfall ending. Owners of rental properties are responsible for arranging for snow and ice removal when they reside elsewhere.
- Remove a minimum width of 1.5 meters of snow and ice—down to bare surface from a public pathway bordering their property, also within 24 hours of a snowfall ending. Applicable pathways are those that run parallel and adjacent to a street, with or without separation between the pathway and street (e.g. a grass boulevard).
- Pile snow from their private driveway or walkway on their own property (e.g. front lawn). Snow from a public sidewalk or pathway may be shoveled onto another public property, such as a road.

See below for further details and penalty information. Or download the Street Bylaw and refer to Section 67 for the full set of regulations for snow and ice control.

Penalties For Failing to Remove Snow

Property owners/occupants who do not comply with the bylaw and subsequent notices issued by the City may be subject to:

- An invoice to the property owner from the City for clearing the sidewalk on their behalf. The cost is a minimum flat rate of \$150 plus GST and an administration fee. The amount will be added to the owner's annual property tax if not paid by the invoice due date.
- A fine of \$250 to the property occupant for a first offence. Repeat offenders may be fined \$500 for a second offence, and \$750 for a third offence and each offence thereafter within a 12-month period. Tickets issued to repeat offenders may require a court appearance. Unpaid fines will be collected by Alberta Registry Service at the time of license or registration renewal.

Reporting Problem Properties

Report a sidewalk not cleared within 24 hours of a snowfall ending; include address or location details. To report other snow/ice issues, please visit our snow and ice concerns page.



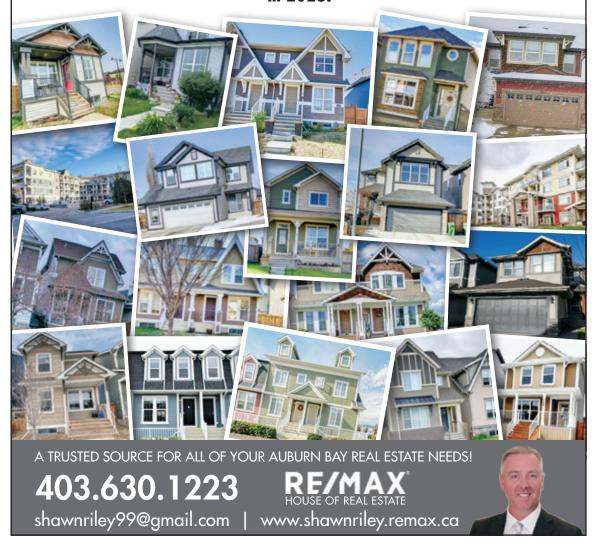
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SAFE & SOUND

February Is Heart Month

Do you know the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and what to do if someone experiences these? Knowing may make the difference between life and death. Recognizing and responding immediately to the warning signs of a potential heart attack may significantly improve survival and recovery. February is Heart Month: take the time to be heart safe and learn how you can reduce your risk.

Common Signs of a Heart Attack

(Any, or all, of these signs and symptoms may occur)

- Chest discomfort described as simply a mild pressure up to a 'crushing' pain; may also be 'squeezing' or a 'heavy' sensation.
- Discomfort may move to the shoulders, arm, neck, or jaw.
- May include shortness of breath, sweating, or nausea/ vomiting.
- Signs may vary person to person and can differ between men, women, and the elderly.

Heart Attack Risk Factors

- Obesity*
- Sedentary lifestyle*

- Smoking*
- High cholesterol*
- Age/Gender
- Family history

Speak with your doctor about how to treat your modifiable (*) risk factors and learn to be heart safe.

What To Do When Seconds Count

- Call 911, immediately. Early treatment can greatly reduce heart damage and be the difference between life and death
- Treatment starts the moment EMS arrives. Paramedics can provide oxygen, start an intravenous, and perform an electrocardiogram (ECG).
- Paramedics can also administer important medication(s) in the early minutes of a heart attack to lessen heart damage.
- During transport, EMS will share information with the hospital so that definitive treatment can begin immediately upon arrival.
- Take a CPR/AED course. Training is widely available from many reputable organizations. It's easy and could make a significant difference in the outcome of someone experiencing a heart attack.



Auburn Bay Community Association **Membership Form**

For your convenience, Auburn Bay Community Association Memberships are available online! Visit www.AuburnBayCA.ca/Membership to purchase.

Members benefit from sports, activities, and partner discounts (please see Membership Privileges Program page for a list of business partners). Members also gain preferred access to youth and community events, programs, and secure a vote at public meetings. Make a difference by joining the Board – and more.

Memberships: \$25, per family. Memberships are valid until December 31, 2023.

Name:	
Address:	Postal Code:
Contact Number:E-Ma	il:
How many family members, including children:	Yes, please contact me about volunteering:

Please fill out the above (please print), enclose and mail your cheque or money order, payable to the "Auburn Bay Community Association" to the following address: Auburn Bay Community Association Memberships, C/O Auburn House, 200 Auburn Bay Boulevard SE. Calgary, Alberta T3M 0A4.

Visit www.auburnbayliving.ca for more information. E-transfer Membership payment to finance@auburnbayca.ca

For a complete list of your CA membership discounts, please log into your profile online.



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Auburn House Spring Programs

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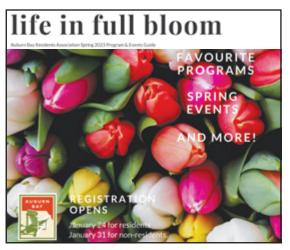
Auburn House spring program registration is still open and is ongoing. You won't want to miss out! Register now!

Here's just a few of the classes available this spring at Auburn House:

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- Young Rembrandts
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- Specialty and DIY Workshops
- Drop-in programs
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View the full Spring Program Guide and Events Calendar online at AuburnBayRA.ca.

Register online 24/7 at AuburnBayRA.ca or call 403-537-2601.



Auburn House Summer Camps

Let's get ready for summer! Auburn House is ready for a full summer of great day camps for children and youth. Look for Summer Camp registration to open later this month!

Visit AuburnBayRA.ca to check out the Summer Camp Program Guide.

Register online 24/7 at AuburnBayRA.ca or call 403-537-2601.





RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

Stargazing with Pat J: Celestial Bumper Cars

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While the Moon and planets may appear to peacefully traverse the night sky, in reality, all have been victims of catastrophic fender-benders with their solar system siblings.

Venus: Every planet spins anti-clockwise; except for Venus. Sometime in the distant past, something knocked Venus completely upside down, causing it to appear to rotate backwards; where the sun rises in the west and sets in the east. Equally weird, its axis rotation is so slow that a Venus day is longer than its year.

Earth: A Mars-sized object named Theia collided with Earth about 4.5 billion years ago. The gigantic impact blasted material into orbit which eventually consolidated into our Moon. The collision is also thought to be the reason Earth is tilted 23.5 degrees which is a good thing for us as otherwise there would be no seasons.

Saturn's Moon Mimas: The object that nearly destroyed Mimas left an impact crater 130 kms across; a comparable crater on Earth would be wider than Australia.

Uranus: All planets in the Solar system are tilted to some degree, but Uranus takes it to a whole new level. Early in life, a collision with an Earth-sized object left it with a tilt of almost 98 degrees; meaning Uranus is literally lying on its side.

As a result of the extreme tilt, summer on Uranus is 21 years of continuous sunshine while winter is 21 years of complete darkness. Despite being closer to the Sun than Neptune, Uranus is the coldest planet in the solar system at -224 degrees Celsius. And you thought our Canadian winters were bad.

*Asteroid Belt: Located between Mars and Jupiter, these rocky fragments are not from a smashed planet, but merely material left over from when the solar system formed.





Councillor, Ward 12 **Evan Spencer**

Ward12@calgary.ca

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Greetings Ward 12,

By now, you should have received your 2023 Property Assessment. You can review and compare your assessment with other properties in your area until March 13. Visit Calgary.ca/assessment to access tools or contact The City if you have questions. 2022 was a tumultuous year for property values, and almost all home and business owners will see an increase in the assessed value of their property. With our revenue-neutral taxation system, increases in property value won't necessarily translate to an equal increase in property tax. Each year, the property tax mill rate (the percentage applied to the value of the property) is adjusted to ensure that the revenue is collected from the totality of all properties in the city, notwithstanding any changes to the budget.

Overall, as a city, more than 560,000 Assessment Notices were compiled and sent out, based on their value on July 1 of last year. The process to assess properties in the City of Calgary is provincially mandated and is designed to ensure equity and transparency. Visit Calgary.ca/our-finances for more information.

This year, the average price for residential property increased by 12%. Properties that increased more than that amount will have a higher-than-average tax increase, while properties that had a smaller increase in value will see a lower-than-average tax increase. For example, the average single-family home, assessed at \$555,000, will see an expected jump of about \$10 per month. A condo owner, with an average value of \$255,000 would see a much smaller change to this year's tax bill.

As always please don't hesitate to reach out to the Ward 12 Office and myself with questions and feedback. You can email Ward12@calgary.ca or call 403-268-1698.

Sincerely,

Cllr. Evan Spencer



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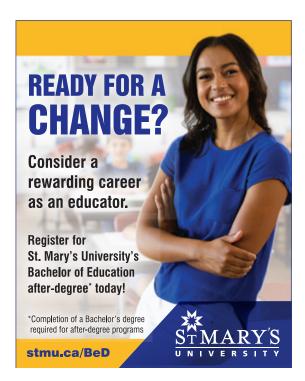


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