Bonavista Downs Community Association

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# **Bonavista Downs Bea**

## YOUR BHNONTHLY COMMUNITY NEWLETTER



#### WARD 14 COUNCILOR

PETER DEMONG



#### Howdy Ward 14!

My column at this time last year was, frankly, a bit somber. The province was going through a tough time, and my message was to take the month to celebrate in a way only Calgary knows how-by Stampeding!

While there is no doubt some of our neighbours are still feeling the effects of the downturn in our economy, the view over the horizon is starting to look a little brighter. The Conference Board of Canada is predicting Calgary's economy will grow for the first time in three years! It hopefully means new jobs, and that is another great reason to celebrate....Take a look at <u>www.calgarystampede.com</u> as there are many new and exciting things planned for the Stampede this year.

#### Stampede Parade—route reversal

As mentioned last month the Stampede parade route has been reversed this year. If you are planning to attend, you should probably plan accordingly. For more information you should visit <u>www.parade.calgarystampede.com</u>

#### Counciltalk

I want to tip my hat to all the patrons of Counciltalk in this and previous years. It never ceases to amaze me how the great people of Ward 14 respond when I call on them to exercise their right to free speech. Listening to you is the most important part of my job, and I am so grateful to everyone who shows up to tell me what is important to them. If you aren't sure what Counciltalk is, I encourage you to visit <u>www.calgary.ca/counciltalk</u> to learn more. Continued......

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### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

#### Happy Birthday Canada!

Wow 150 years old, where has the time gone. Check out all the events in and around the city—in honor of this great celebration. I have listed a few, further on in this publication.

I would like to welcome Gillian O'Connor and Amy Degenhardt—the newest members to our valued group of volunteers. They came on board to help deliver our litthe newsletter to you. Speaking of the newsletter- I would like to remind you that the newsletter is created and delivered by volunteers and is not intended to be a professional publication, so therefore there may be some mistakes...that's ok—we are only human. We enjoying bringing the news to you, so your forgiveness is greatly appreciated.

Knowledge is power, community is strength and positive attitude is everything



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I will return with more Counciltalk dates as soon as possible. Visit <u>www.calgary.ca/ward14connect</u> to get email reminders of upcoming Counciltalk dates.

#### Ward 14 Communities BBQ

There is still time, and lots of planning to be done before September 16, but the Ward 14 Communities BBQ—as it has for six years now—is gradually coming closer. For those who are unaware, the Ward 14 Communities BBQ is my membership drive for Ward 14 community associations. I round up money from generous sponsors to pay for the cost of the event and to financially support the community. We raise a lot of money and they add a lot of members. Those facts have not changed over the six years. But there are a few new things for this year, like some great new food, and some new sponsors. To start, Spolumbo's is the newest food sponsor. Instead of the traditional burger, you can have one of their delicious burgers on a bun. I also want to introduce Pacific Developments as the newest financial sponsor. They join United Communities, Mattamy Homes, and Genstar on the list at this early point. Thank you to all of them and Southcentre for the venue! Of course there will be all sorts of entertainment and exhibitors to see. Stay tuned for more details to come. As I mentioned, this year the BBQ will be on September 16 from 11 am to 2 pm in the parking lot of Southcentre Mall. Mark it in your calendar, because you are welcome to join. We will have a lot of fun. Visit www.calgary.ca/ward14bbq for more info.

That is all for now. Have fun stampeding, and have a great July!

Happy trails to you, until we meet again!

Councillor Peter Demong

# **Gathering Garden**



This years gardens are all accounted for, but don't despair, we have lots of room left to build for the next growing season. If you missed the deadline to get your gar- Thanks to Jeremiah, our



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And get your name on the list for next year.

current president, we

have secured enough land from the City to keep our community garden growing. For more information check out our new website :

www.bonavistadowns.com



It's official—we have a new and approved Website ! Thank you so very much to Jamie Keeley for all your hard work and patience with this extensive project, your volunteer hours are so greatly appreciated and you did a fantastic job! But don't take my word for it..... go check it out at:

#### www.bonavistadowns.com

#### SOCIAL NEWS 😊

#### Hello from Bonavista Downs' Social Committee!

We've had a very fun and successful early spring season with the outstanding turn out for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 2<sup>nd</sup> despite the abysmal weather, and the launch of our newly redesigned Website! Please check us out at <u>www.bonavistadowns.com</u>. Thanks to Jamie Keeley for doing such an outstanding job with all the technical detail and for creating our new logo as well.

We also had a great and busy day here in Bonavista Downs on May 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning with the memorial tribute to Walt Matthies by the Scouts during their annual Southern Trails Soap Box Derby – which this year was renamed the "Scouter Walt Derby" in honour of Mr. Matthies.

That same Saturday we worked with the Bonavista Downs Church for our annual Community Clean-up. All the volunteers who showed up worked very hard from early morning to late afternoon, and we got to as many homes as we could with the volunteer crews we had. We picked up over 15,000KG or +30,000lbs of material from the back lanes on May 13<sup>th</sup>, not including organics like shrubs; tree branches, etc. The City had two dedicated dump trucks; one organics truck; one large metals bin and several recycle bins = all of which filled up several times over. However, all of these trucks were commissioned only until 2pm - which is when we had to stop. Unfortunately, we could not get to every home this year, so next year we ask that more of our neighbours with trucks to please show up to help, even for a couple of hours, so that we can get to everyone.

Looking forward for the summer, the Social Committee in conjunction with the Garden Club, will host a Garden Party the afternoon of Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. We ask anyone interested in gardening to please join us 2-4pm at the Gathering Gardens for some light refreshments, and a show'n tell of our plots – what worked/what didn't? We'll share tips and hear from more experienced gardeners with advice on gardening in our Calgary climate.

In September, our annual Family Fun Day will be held September 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at Noon. Please register online on our Web site so we have some idea of the number of folks we might be expecting? The website forms are not an absolute commitment, but they will better able to help us make sure we have enough of everything so that everyone can have a good time! Thank you in advance for signing up.

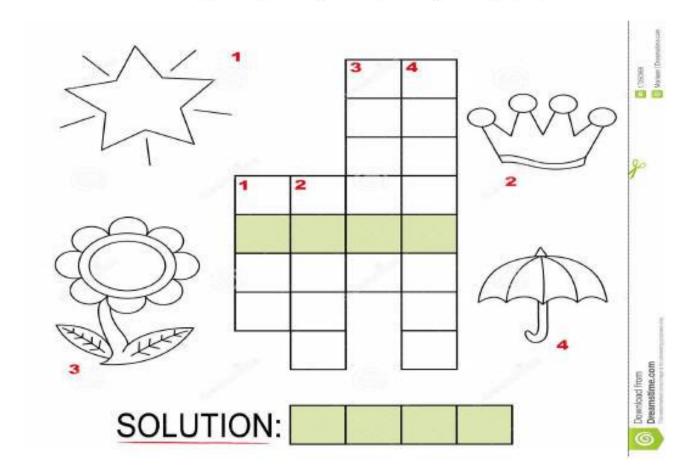
Finally, current and updated information will be provided, as always, on Facebook as the dates approach for our events, as well as other events in the area that may be of interest to you? Please "like" our page: Bonavista Downs Community Association, to stay in touch with all your neighbours. It's also the best platform to contact us directly if you have any questions for the social committee.

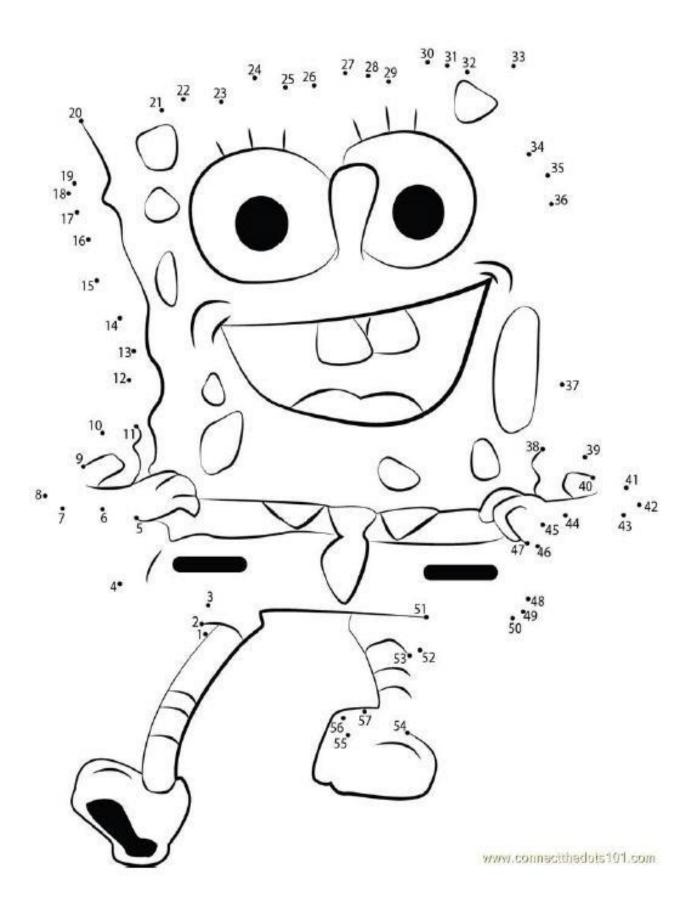
We wish everyone a wonderful summer!

Cheers, Eleni T. Vargis Social Director



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# Happy Canada Day!!!!



#### Top 5 Things to do in Calgary on Canada Day

**1. Confederation Park** – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year marks Canada's 150th anniversary and Confederation Park's 50th anniversary. There will be a pancake breakfast, entertainment on the main stage, activities for the whole family and the opening of the 1967 time capsule.

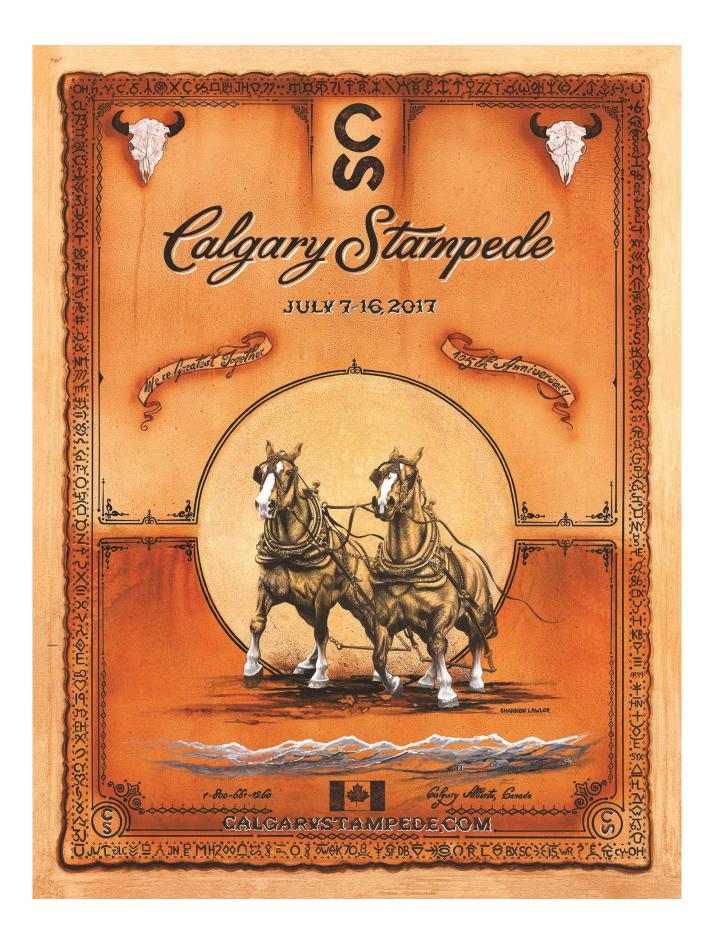
**2. Fort Calgary** – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At the place where the city began, there will be activities and entertainment including a pancake breakfast, local music performances, indigenous celebrations, and the Enmax Living Flag where those in attendance will have the opportunity to don red and white T-shirts to form the Canadian flag.

**3. Prince's Island Park** – 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The west end of Prince's Island Park will have an indigenous showcase and powwow. This will also include Inuit throat singers, Metis dancers, a Tipis village, storytelling and traditional food.

**4. Olympic Plaza** – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. CIBC will be hosting a citizenship reaffirmation ceremony for all Canadian citizens. Mayor Naheed Nenshi said, "If you've never taken the oath of Canadian citizenship because you were lucky enough to be born in this country, go do it. You will never forget that moment." There will be 1,500 guitarists performing Ian Tyson's Four Strong Winds as well as performances by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Calgary Opera.

**5. Riverfront Avenue** – 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Throughout the day there will be multicultural music and dance, as well as a variety of food vendors offering many examples of international cuisine. In the evening, the main stage will have performances from Canadian artists such as Calgary's own Michael Bernard Fitzgerald and the headlining act, Tegan and Sara. To wrap it up, there will be a 30-minute fireworks display with a contemporary light show all synchronized to Canadian music. This Canada Day will certainly go out with a bang. For more information on events happening around the city, visit the <u>City of Calgary's website.</u>









#### **Richard Gotfried MLA**

Summer is upon us and for many of us summer is sacred. It is a time to enjoy all that the outdoors has to offer and to appreciate time and fun activities with family and friends. We are blessed with a province that has much to offer for summer recreation opportunities. As you start your summer planning, perhaps that road less travelled might be an exciting opportunity. One such road is the Cowboy Trail, which runs from Mayerthorpe (West of Edmonton) right down west of Calgary all the way to Cardston near the US border. The scenic 735 km route has many attractions along the way. Great local eateries and history markers are just a few of the highlights of the journey. If you are looking for a unique adventure, please let my office help you rediscover all Alberta has to offer.

Nobody does volunteering and Western Hospitality better than Calgary. Calgary is known for its open and welcoming environment and can do attitude. Much of this positive attitude is front and center for 10 days of the Calgary Stampede, when our city is on display for visitors from around the world. I would encourage each of you to make all of our visitors feel at home. Let them know that Calgary is more than a destination.

Did you know that fish Creek Park is the largest urban park in North America? The "skills park" on the east side by the end of Bow Bottom Trail is a welcome addition for all mountain bikers, young and old, looking for a place to practice their mountain biking skills. This year Park's Day and Creek Fest will celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> and Friends of Fish Creek Park's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries highlighting nature and the importance our watershed has on the environment. It is a great, all day family activity on July 15<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 4 pm at Bow Valley Ranch.

Community events will abound this summer and so if you are having a function please keep our office informed. I will be once again visiting with constituents and businesses in the area as I continue in my tradition of "walkabout" in the constituency, so if you see me out and about please stop to say hello.

New this year, will be the office hosting a Fish Creek photo contest. I know that social media has transformed photo sharing, so share your best or most fun photo of what summer in Alberta means to you. The contest will run from July1 – August 15<sup>th</sup>. Prizes will be awarded in various categories.

This year marks Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. We have much to be thankful for in our great city, province and country. Let us all join in celebration on July 1<sup>st</sup> to give gratitude for the country we call home. Happy Birthday Canada!

Lastly, please join me at my 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Stampede BBQ – July 8<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 2 pm at my office (1215 Lake Sylvan Drive). We will have games, face painting, live music and food for all.



# BONAVISTA CHURCH



Join us for a great morning of music, activities for children (face painting, pony rides, petting zoo, games) and an amazing breakfast of (pancakes, sausage and eggs) July 16th 9:30am –11:30am 1509Lake Ontario Drive

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Community Hall

403-271-3207

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#### **Calgary police services**

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This publication is intended for you, the residents of Bonavista Downs to enjoy!



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BONAVISTA DOWNS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

OR

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.bonavistadowns.com



#### Yoga Connection

with Rosemary

Bliss Yoga..... Experience it!

Tuesday -7:15-8:45pm

Thursday-5:00-6:30pm and 7:15-8:45pm

For questions or to register call

403-271-7810

### Bonavista Downs Community

## Hall Rental Packages

Rental Packages	

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#### Package A

Daily rate, hall rental only

BDCA residents: \$100/day + \$90/day cleaning fee and \$350 refundable damage deposit.

Non residents: \$225/day +\$90/day cleaning fee and \$350 refundable damage deposit.

Package B

Wedding or Party rental, weekends

This package includes 3-hour setup time Friday evening

BDCA residents: \$130/day + \$90/day cleaning fee and \$350 refundable damage deposit.

Non residents: \$255/day + \$90/day cleaning fee and \$350 refundable damage deposit.

Package C

**Hourly Rate** 

BDCA residents: \$10/hour + \$90 cleaning fee and \$350 refundable damage deposit

Non residents: \$30/hour + \$90 cleaning fee and \$350 refundable damage deposit

Hall is available for: meetings, parties, classes, receptions, showers, anniversaries.

Benefits: large functional kitchen, huge outdoor deck, ball diamond, large green space, tennis court, playground—and your home stays clean.

Kitchen facilities: commercial cooler, stove/oven, microwave, coffeemaker, bar service out of kitchen into main hall, moving island with ice keeper, and lots of counter space.



For more information or to book your event call: 403-271-6116