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December 12, 2018

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BREAKING NEWS

***Cork Connection* for Christmas!**

Tickets to *Cork Connection* 2019 make the perfect Christmas gift! Wine, cheese, chocolate, a silent auction with over 40 exciting items, and Wine Survivor all wrapped up nicely into one ticket. Plus it's super affordable at only \$60/pair or \$225/table of 8. Take a night off with that special someone or your fellow board members. Last year's event sold out so don't miss out, [get your tickets today!](#) 

IMPORTANT: Our Office's Holiday Closure

We will be closing for the holidays on Tuesday, December 18 and will re-open on Wednesday, January 2. We hope you and yours have a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to working and connecting with you in the New Year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [Monday Matters](#) - January 7, 2019
[Cork Connection- Wine Tasting & Silent Auction](#) - January 19, 2019
[Understanding Membership Development](#) - January 24, 2019
[Building Safe Communities](#) - January 26, 2019
[Employment Standards for Community Associations](#) - January 29, 2019

[Click here](#) for more upcoming events

TRENDING NOW

WORD ON THE STREET



Featured Faces of Community

December's featured Face is Karen Begg with the Dover Community Association! Karen got involved with the Dover Community Association over five years ago to share her love of placemaking. With that love, she has helped the community get a Little Library, a gardening program, a Neighbour Day event, and much more! Watch her share her story on our YouTube channel [here.](#)

Ready Calgary

Launched by the Calgary Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) in September, Ready Calgary helps Calgarians prepare for emergencies. The free online course helps inform, educate and build resiliency to the effects of emergencies. All participants will also receive an official completion certificate after the course. To learn more [click here.](#)

Bowness Community Association Looking for Indigenous Artists

The Bowness Community Association invites Indigenous artists from any Canadian territory or nation residing in Bowness (or with a historical tie to the land/community now called Bowness) to work on and design a piece of artwork/installation acknowledging the original peoples of the land including the relationship to the land that the Bowness Community Association (Sportsplex) has been built upon and that the community of Bowness currently occupies. For more details click [here.](#)

Increase Solar Rebates for Nonprofits

On November 12, 2018, the Government of Alberta announced that the province will be increasing solar power rebates for both homeowners and nonprofits, as well as investing more money into solar energy programs. Nonprofit organizations, as well as businesses, will now be able to get up to a 35% rebate on solar panel installation costs, for a maximum rebate of \$1 million. As solar energy becomes more affordable, nonprofits and businesses can take advantage of opportunities to reduce their energy bills. For more information, visit the [Energy Efficiency Alberta website](#)

Seeking volunteers for Cork Connection

Do you want to be part of a fun evening while also giving back to your community? Well look no further because we are seeking volunteers to help out at our 4th annual *Cork Connection* Wine Tasting and Silent Auction on Saturday, January 19, 2019! There are lots of volunteer opportunities still available, so email Rebecca at communityrelations@calgarycommunities.com for more information if you want to help us out!

Community Representation Framework Update

The Community Representation Framework was presented at the Committee on Community and Protective Services on December 5th. Our President and Executive Director both spoke on the matter. The video can be found [here](#). The Framework was approved but there may further discussion and changes at the December Council meeting. Barring any major changes, implementation will go forward in January.

PLANNING UPDATE

Here are a few highlights from our urban planning world this month. Be sure to check [our blog](#) for a complete listing of recent events and updates!

1. Backyard Suites Design Guidelines

The Backyard Suite Design Guidelines have been finalized with community and developer input. They are meant to guide discretion and provide best practices for planners and developers. The Guidelines will be addressed by Council on January 14th and there will be an opportunity for the public to provide input through a public hearing. The Guidelines and supporting information can be found [here](#). Contact Ben at planning@calgarycommunities.com if you have any questions.

2. Established Areas Growth & Change Strategy

This initiative will introduce a set of tools to fund infrastructure and public realm upgrades. The work will propose financial tools that deliver on policy. Funding mechanisms could include: community revitalization levies, local improvement taxes, a center city levy, bonus density programs, capital prioritization with directed funding, special taxes, local amenity contributions and an indicative tax rate approach. The [Scoping Report](#) includes deliverables and timelines, stakeholders, and preliminary trend analysis.

3. Change to Public Notices

As of early 2019, Public notices will no longer be posted in The Calgary Herald. Moving forward, public notices will include the physical notice board on site, mail circulation to adjacent neighbours, PD Map, [public notices online](#) and circulations to CA planning committees.

4. Municipal Development Plan (MDP) Review

The City is completing a 10-year review of the MDP. Public engagement is anticipated to occur in the form of face-to-face meetings, small group discussions, online tools, surveys and via online tools. The scoping report will go to PUD on January 9th, 2019.

FEATURED RESOURCE

HELPFUL RESOURCES

[Snow Angels: Helping Communities](#)

Looking for a great way to meet neighbours, offer a helping hand, and support your community? Check out our resource! What a wonderful way to give back!

1. [Christmas and Holiday Safety Advice](#)
2. [Don't Let the Grinch \(Thieves\) Steal Christmas](#)
3. [How to keep your home and property safe and secure](#)
4. [My Neighbour Card](#)

ACTIVATEYYC INFO

Loose Parts Play Bins

December can be a very exciting time. Christmas is near, children are busy making lists to send to Santa, and parents are busy making sure those lists get to Santa. Usually the top item on any child's Christmas list is a toy. The Calgary Deep South Coalition understands that toys can be more important than we think, so this organization started the *Loose Parts Play Bins*. This ActivateYYC project is a collection of toys, games, and learning resources meant to encourage physical, social and emotional growth in kids. Read more [here](#).



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