



# CHATTER

## -IN THE WOODS-

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Happy Easter! We hope your spring is off to a great start.

If you'd like to have high-speed fiber optic internet service in Redwood—and most people would!—please see page 7 for information about a special general meeting related to AXIA's services here. Your presence and your vote are required on Thursday, April 12 at Redwood House.

Springtime in Redwood Meadows means soccer and T-ball on the sports field, organized by your volunteer RMCA board.

Watch for information about spring sports on social media and around town.

We would like to thank Deb Kennedy, who has worked hard behind the scenes, doing bookkeeping for the Chatter, since 2012. Deb has decided to focus on other volunteer work. Thank you so much, Deb, for your unfailingly kind and patient ways. We'll miss you.

Anne Mushens has offered to take over bookkeeping duties. Thanks, and welcome! [thechatter@redwoodmeadows.ab.ca](mailto:thechatter@redwoodmeadows.ab.ca)

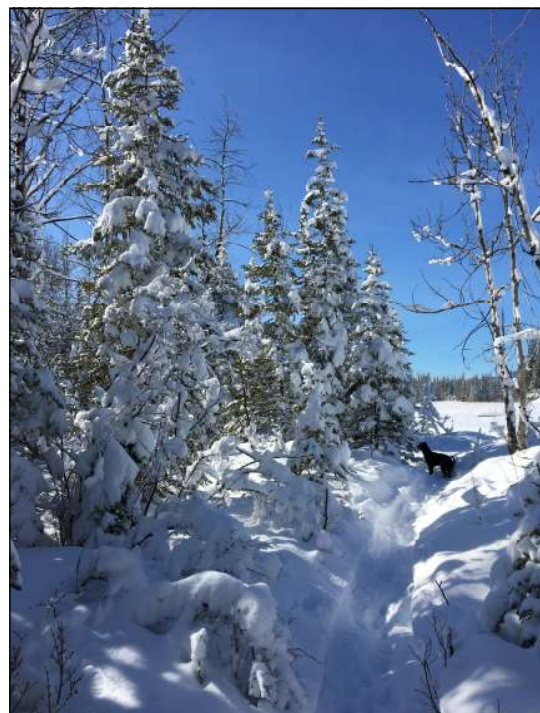
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### In Like a Lion ... and Out Like a Lion?

Most local residents are ready for spring, but as of the last few days of March, Mother Nature wasn't quite ready to release her grip on winter.

The good news is that the days are getting longer and the snow will melt soon enough. In any case, those of us who live in the foothills embrace whatever we get—we all know it can change in an instant. Happy spring!



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## TASTE OF BRAGG CREEK RETURNS APRIL 13

Area restaurateurs, caterers and food and liquor merchants are gearing up for the sixth annual Taste of Bragg Creek on Friday, April 13 from 5 to 9 pm. Come enjoy all the delicious flavours the hamlet has to offer. Free admission and parking at the Bragg Creek Centre. Tasting tickets are \$1.50 each. To purchase tickets in advance, call 403-949-4277. [tasteofbraggcreek.ca](http://tasteofbraggcreek.ca)

## MEET US AT THE HUB!

Bragg Creek Community Church office, warmly called the Hub, is open in the Bragg Creek Shopping Centre (next to the Best Little Wordhouse bookstore). Please come in to use our free wifi, borrow a book or just to visit. Homework Club is open Wednesday afternoons from 3 to 5 pm for kids to complete their schoolwork in a safe and supervised location. (See ad on page 16). You will find a Church volunteer at the Hub during the week. After hours, please contact Pastor Dave Zimmerman @ [braggcreekcommunitychurch@gmail.com](mailto:braggcreekcommunitychurch@gmail.com) or 403-949-2072.

## JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR A WALK IN THE HAMLET

The Ladies Auxiliary hosts a weekly walking group in Bragg Creek. Meet at 10:30 am on Wednesdays at the Bragg Creek Community Centre for some fresh air and a stroll with friends. All are welcome. Email [jahand@telus.net](mailto:jahand@telus.net) for info.

## FITNESS CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS/SENIORS

Not sure you're ready for an exercise class? You might enjoy a gentle workout geared toward seniors and/or those who are new to fitness. Classes run Mondays and **most** Fridays at 10:15 am at Redwood House. Cost is \$10 per class. Email [anns@safari.ca](mailto:anns@safari.ca) for more information.

## MORNING FITNESS AT REDWOOD HOUSE

Join us for ongoing fitness classes at Redwood House Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 10 am. Workouts change weekly and offer a full-body challenge that includes strength, cardio, core work and flexibility. Drop-in cost is \$10 per class, with discounts for multiple classes. Email [anns@safari.ca](mailto:anns@safari.ca).

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## Update Your Contact Info for Emergency Call-out Test on April 18

Redwood town council met twice in March, on the 6<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup>. The focus this month was on budgetary matters, updates on lease negotiations and emergency preparedness for the townsite.

At the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, Councillor Mike Moore resigned for personal reasons.

Members of town council would like to thank Mike for his commitment to our community and wish him well in his future endeavours.



oncoming spring melt. In the event of an emergency, and in order to have preparedness at an active level, the townsite is partnering with Redwood Meadows Emergency Services (RMES) to have a volunteer base of residents trained, organized and familiar with our local flood mitigation protocols and apparatus.

### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Our operations staff work hard year-round to ensure that roadways are maintained and kept accessible to all residents at all times of the year.

Emergency routes, main collectors and school bus routes take priority over other areas. During periods of heavy snowfall or other extreme weather conditions, please have patience as we work to get to your area as quickly as possible. Predicting the amount of snowfall over the winter (especially in Alberta) is a difficult thing to do. The townsite is committed to maintaining a balanced budget and to providing cost-effective, efficient service.

Your cooperation and patience regarding snow removal are encouraged and much appreciated by the townsite and your fellow citizens. A big thank-you goes out to Rocky and Rob for all their extra work this winter and for figuring out where to push all the excess snow.

Operations Manager Rocky Bond is finalizing the operation of the lift station at the north berm. This is to ensure proper functioning and operational readiness for the spring melt.

With the large amount of snowfall this winter, the expected rise in temperatures and the oncoming spring melt, townsite reminds residents to ensure that they place their eavestrough downspouts down and away from their foundations. In addition, residents are asked, if applicable, to ensure that sump pumps are plugged in and operational. If you experience water in your basement or notice areas around roads or ditches that are not draining, please contact the townsite office at 403-949-3563.

### **PERSONNEL/EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Our operations department is actively preparing for the

The townsite is planning a Saturday afternoon in early May to provide free training for residents interested in volunteering for this team. If you are interested, please head to [redwoodmeadows.ab.ca](http://redwoodmeadows.ab.ca), look under Community then Volunteers to fill out the volunteer form. Please put “flood mitigation” as the area of interest.

The townsite will be conducting a **test** of our emergency call-out system on April 18. The system is designed to inform residents of an emergency situation. Please check with the office (403-949-3563) to ensure we have your current contact information—including both telephone number and email address—prior to the test date.

On April 18, if you are NOT notified by BOTH email and telephone, please let the townsite office know. PLEASE only contact the office if you DO NOT receive a call and email.

Also, please continue to look for updates from the RCMP and RMES every month in the *Chatter*. (See page 5.)

### **FINANCIAL**

Deputy Mayor Scott Ackerman has brought forth the proposed budget for 2018 and a review of the budget from 2017. The 2017 budget will once again be independently audited by MNP before being presented to the community at our annual general meeting in May.

### **BYLAWS**

The Townsite has been receiving an increasing amount of concerns and complaints about dogs in our community. In relation to this Councilor Neil Thornton has initiated a subcommittee to advise administration on defining community standards with respect to the animal control bylaw.

### **COMMUNICATION**

Council has chosen Saturday, May 12 as the date for the Emergency Services Department open house. The event will include representation from the RCMP, RMES,

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## council update

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Tsuut'ina Police and Alberta Fish and Wildlife. Come and see the different service departments that serve our community.

An information night for the community on "Living with Wildlife" has also been finalized for our community. Wildlife conflict biologist Jay Honeyman will be presenting at Redwood House on Tuesday, April 24 at 7 pm. The hope is that our residents can gain information about wildlife in our area and what we as responsible residents can do to work toward conflict-free cohabitation. *Please see the poster on page 22 for more details.*

### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at Redwood House. Meeting agendas are made available to the community on the Redwood Meadows website ([redwoodmeadows.ab.ca](http://redwoodmeadows.ab.ca)) prior to the council meeting. If you would like to add an agenda item, please contact townsite manager Julia Kennedy-Francis at [jkf@redwoodmeadows.ab.ca](mailto:jkf@redwoodmeadows.ab.ca) on or by the Friday before the scheduled council meeting.

*Redwood Meadows Town Council*

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## Protect Yourself from Property Crime

In recent weeks, police have seen an increase in property crimes, many of them preventable, in and around Calgary. Generally speaking, most of the crimes where police will be dispatched are thefts from or of motor vehicles as well as thefts from rural mailboxes, to name a few.

The majority of the vehicles stolen are running with the keys in the ignition on cold days and are crimes of opportunity by criminals passing by and seeing the vehicles left unattended. These vehicles are then often used in other crimes, such as the theft of ATMs.

I would strongly suggest getting command start or an automated car starter for your vehicle for those days when it's really cold outside. Never leave your keys in a vehicle, running or not. As well as keeping your keys outside your vehicle, keep your car as bare as possible. Remove anything of value from your car to make it less enticing for someone looking to make a quick pinch from a car.

The usual property stolen from vehicles includes, but is not limited to, garage door openers, vehicle documents, wallets, sunglasses, iPods/iPads and other electronic devices, most of which are reportedly left in plain sight.

Consider programming the built-in garage door opener in your vehicle in lieu of the hand-held version and keep your vehicle documents in your wallet or purse.

If you do have any electronics you keep or use in your vehicle, note the serial number, make and model of those items to give police something to note if they are found. In the event of a theft, this information can be added to the nationwide police database called CPIC (Canadian Police Information Centre). When property is recovered,

the search and matching of those numbers makes it possible to return what's yours. Without those numbers, it's very difficult, if not impossible, to return the property, which will go to auction if unclaimed and still of value.

As for thefts from mailboxes, the best course of action is to collect your mail as often as possible and watch for unfamiliar vehicles in your area. Report any vehicles you feel are suspicious, grabbing plate numbers and taking pictures for police follow-up. Call in when you see the vehicles; reporting vehicles hours or days later, while good to know, leaves little avenue of investigation. It's always better for a police officer to speak to people you think are suspicious at the time, rather than to note only a vague description of a vehicle later.

Always record and report anything that seems suspicious to you to the Cochrane complaint line at 403-932-2211. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.

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## Watch for Information on the Start of Spring Sports

Hello Residents!

Well, spring is finally upon us. Let's hope that we see the snow melt away very soon so that we can get started on our spring activities!

RMCA would like to thank the Bragg Creek Church, the Bragg Creek Community Association, and all the volunteers who helped with the Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 at Redwood House. Once again these events would not be possible without the amazing help from the people in our community. We all enjoy such wonderful activities, so thank you to all!

Speaking of activities, we are excited to announce that spring sports will be headed our way soon. We plan on having one night of soccer for kids ages 3 to 11 on Tuesdays and T-ball on Wednesday evenings.

We are just waiting for the fields to be ready. Please keep on the lookout—we will try and post everywhere (e.g., Facebook and other social media sites) when registration is available. We are hoping to have registration by the end of

April and then start sports evenings in the middle of May.

We are also in the works with the Bow Valley Rugby Club to possibly start up a program in the fall and run events with them throughout the summer, so please watch for those notices as well.

If you have any ideas or you would like to volunteer with any of our events or activities, please check out the townsite website ([redwoodmeadows.ab.ca](http://redwoodmeadows.ab.ca)) for volunteer opportunities and contact information.

Our next meeting for the Redwood Meadows Community Association will be on Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 pm at Redwood House.

Thank you!

*Jackie Neher and the RMCA*



# April

## Community Café

Come join your friends and neighbours  
for coffee, tea and homemade treats,  
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## Residents Asked to Vote on AXIA Special Resolution on April 12

Residents of Redwood Meadows,

The Townsite of Redwood Meadows has been committed for the last year to bringing high-speed fiber optic internet to our community. The initiative was approached through dialogue with several telecom companies and a decision was made to enter a preliminary investigation with AXIA.

Over the past several months, residents were asked to contractually commit to AXIA, to proceed forward with the possibility of high-speed internet becoming a reality in Redwood Meadows. Town council would like to acknowledge the overwhelming support of the community. Thanks to residents, we reached a level of support that was satisfactory for AXIA to proceed.

The next step in the process was having AXIA commit to providing the infrastructure to make high-speed internet function within our community. Unfortunately, final, fixed-price engineering design costs came in significantly higher than anticipated.

Town council has come to the decision, through internal

discussion and in consultation with AXIA, that the most prudent, financially responsible agreement for our community is for the townsite to provide high-speed internet as a required basic residential utility (similar to water). By doing so, the townsite will cover the cost difference and the service provider (AXIA) is prepared to move forward.

The proposal, in accordance with our community bylaws, would be to take this decision to our community through a special resolution. The resolution would state as follows:

**Shall the Townsite of Redwood Meadows provide Fiber Optic Internet to all residents as a required Utility Service?**

The resolution will be presented at a special general meeting to be held at Redwood House on Thursday, April 12 at 7 pm. Community support for this special resolution to be passed is 75 percent of residents participating in the meeting and voting, using a secret ballot format. The minimum participation rate required to hold a special general meeting and vote is 30 residents.

Prior to voting, council will address questions about the special resolution. Members of council recognize the importance of residents engaging in this decision, and we will support the outcome of the special resolution vote.

We encourage all residents to attend the discussion and vote on April 12 at 7 pm at Redwood House.

Thank you.

*Redwood Meadows Town Council*



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## Spring Clean the Green Way

Ahhh, isn't it lovely, the cheerful spring sunlight slanting in through the kitchen windows? But wait, that same lovely light is also illuminating every dust mote, spider web, fingerprint and crumb embedded in the counter. When WAS the last time I cleaned this place anyway...?

If you're wondering the same thing, maybe it's time to tackle spring cleaning.

In honour of Earth Day on April 22 (and every day, really), why not consider using something other than harsh chemical cleaners to kill germs and mould?

Here are some gentler cleaners that are safe to keep under the sink and easier on the water and land around us than, say, bleach and other skull-and-crossbones cleaners.

### Baking Soda:

This has to be at the top of the cleaning list as it has so many uses. You can unclog a sink with baking soda and boiling water; scrub floors and countertops without scratching them; remove carpet odours; freshen laundry; etc. Look online for more ideas.

### Vinegar:

Mix vinegar and water in equal amounts in a spray bottle, add about 10 drops of peppermint or tea tree essential oil (or nothing at all), and spray away. Baking soda and vinegar together are the main ingredients in science project volcanos worldwide and just might entice your children to help with the cleaning!

### Microfibre cloths:

Who needs window cleaner with these little miracles of cleaning? Use a damp cloth for cleaning and a dry one to get rid of streaks on windows and stainless steel.

### Fresh air:

One of my favourite ways to "spring-ify" the house is to air it out. When the weather is nice, open some windows and doors and let the fresh air in. Happy spring!

*Ann Sullivan*



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## Moto Jacket and Palazzo Pants — Your New Everyday Look for Spring

*Did you know that Redwood has a local fashion stylist who's ready to help with your every fashion need? Read on for Desiree's take on spring style.*

Today I finally feel like there may be an impending spring. I am certainly not the only resident of this beautiful community slowly withering with the winter blues. That being said, the little teaser of sunshine—that one, lone warm ray on my upturned face—definitely hit me with spring fever!

I am hoping that beyond dependable deep spring cleaning, I'm not the only local gal who gets a little antsy to do a bit of spring shopping! The old proverb of spring coming in like a lion and out like a lamb holds true not only to my personal fashion desires but for the trends that are hitting runways all over the world. As I watch bloggers elaborately and excitedly describe the trends geared to shock us out of our winter slumber, I can't help but envision stepping out the door wearing something wild, something so hot-off-the-runway that it commands the snow to melt with each step I take.

The thought of owning a floor-grazing fringe, even the irrationality of those fringes trailing through the newly created puddles, puts me in a hopeful place—not only for



You, too, can wear palazzo pants this spring!

the new beginnings of the season, but for the reinvention of self. For me this always starts with fashion. In an attempt, feeble as it may be, to minimize my personal shopping budget, April has become the month to assess what I already have to wear in new ways, with only the need to add a few key pieces.

One of the things that has inspired me with the mercury finally hitting into the positives is my tried, tested and true moto jacket. Gosh, it sure feels great to cast my winter wool coat aside in favour of an item that adds to my look rather than just buries it in the quest for warmth. Moto jackets, a classy biker-reminiscent leather (or vegan leather) coat, are one of those “trendy” pieces that seem to never go out of style.

In my opinion, they have edged their way into the classic staple item side of our closets; it is certainly an item I can't live without! Another thing that gives me the spring feels are palazzo pants: wide-legged, flowing trousers.

There is something about a pair of pants that cannot be tucked into boots that just demands the progression from snowdrifts to lush green fields. I ordered a camel coloured pair to wear with my leather and am pleasantly chuffed with the posh and polished finished product ; I put the contrasting lightweight pants with the ridged jacket and a fun horizontal-striped top. I know a few of you will giggle when I say this feels like an easy everyday wear kinda look!

These pants will even transition well in into the summer evenings just with a simple pair of sandals. I know you're not quite sold on the whole palazzo pants look (did I mention that they feel like pajamas?) and if you don't already own them and rock them, you may be leery to even try on a pair. Rest easy! This is one of those things that really looks great on every body shape and size.

If you are unsure of what your body shape is, how to pull off this easy fashion-forward spring look, or you need advice on whether you can boldly wear an avant-garde movement like fringe, contact me for a free consultation and book one of my packages at crazy spring fever pricing of 20 percent off!

Desiree Boa [www.fashionstylelust.com](http://www.fashionstylelust.com)

### FOOT CARE IN THE CREEK!

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#### Upcoming 2018 Foot Care Clinics

May 3  
June 14  
July 26  
September 6  
October 18  
November 29

## Salad-in-a-Jar Parties Return to Redwood



Salad-in-a-Jar parties have been a huge success here in Redwood! They are a fun event that brings community and neighbours together.

Once a week we will congregate at my home in Redwood to make salads for the week. Everyone comes with a salad topper, some greens and containers for their salads.

Great toppings ideas include: sliced cukes, shredded carrots, chopped broccoli or zucchini, cherry tomatoes, chickpeas, walnuts, chopped red/orange/yellow/green bell peppers, grapes, diced beets, dried cherries, sliced radish, blueberries, quinoa, pumpkin/sunflower seeds, red cabbage, green onion, celery ... The ideas are endless!

Everyone brings about 5 1-litre wide-mouth Mason jars to fill. And everyone comes with a different topper/ingredient for the salad (about 8 cups washed and ready).

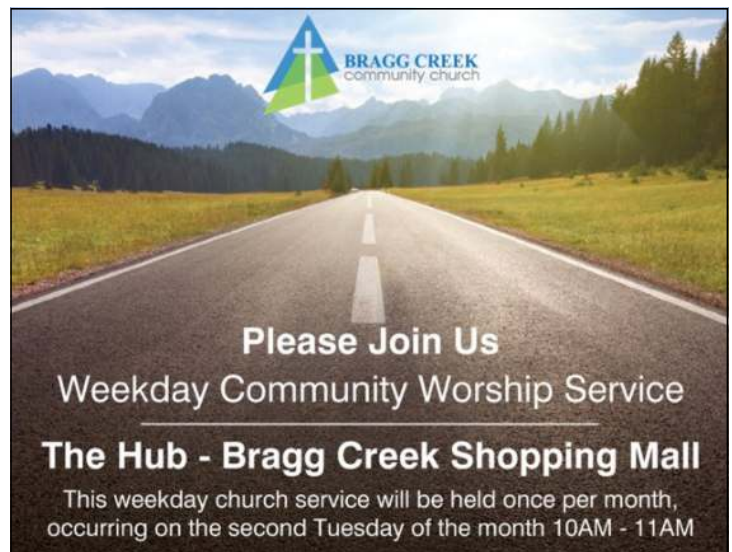
We set out all of the ingredients and then start building our salads, layering them to fill the jars, making some beautiful concoctions!

Back at home, just pour the mix out on a plate, mix in your dressing and some fresh avocado if you like and voila! Perfect salads for a week!

Please message me if you are interested in joining us. I will keep a list of everyone joining and what they will bring to the party.

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## Eat Your Way Around the Hamlet this Month

Hello community!

It's April, and that means one very important thing: Taste of Bragg Creek is coming! This delicious annual event will be hosted on **Friday, April 13 from 5 pm to 9 pm** all around the hamlet and at the Bragg Creek Community Centre. Visitors will have an opportunity to sample Bragg Creek's best offerings from more than 25 local food and liquor merchants in a casual tasting environment. As the weather in April can be unpredictable, be ready to walk between locations in sunshine or snow!

Taste of Bragg Creek is supported by: AdMaki, Bragg Creek Chamber of Commerce, Bragg Creek Community Association (BCCA), Rocky View County, Travel Alberta and an amazing team of local volunteers and vendors.

This event is a fundraiser and \$0.50 from every tasting ticket goes to the Chamber of Commerce and the BCCA so that we can continue to offer community engagement



opportunities and programs. The other \$1.00 goes back to local merchants and vendors to cover their costs for the event.

If you would like to support Taste of Bragg Creek, sign up for a volunteer shift! Email [taste-braggcreek@gmail.com](mailto:taste-braggcreek@gmail.com) or inquire at the BCCA to find out how you can support this awesome community-driven event.

We look forward to seeing you at Taste of Bragg Creek and around the hamlet.

*Sincerely,  
Shaye and the BCCA*

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### Bragg Creek Community Lunch



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25 May 22 June



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## Bragg Creek Community Centre April Events

Friday, 6th ..... Youth Activity Night (FREE)  
Saturday, 7th ..... Learn to Love your body  
Monday 9th ..... CANCELLED - LEGO until Fall  
Friday, 13th ..... TASTE OF BRAGG CREEK!  
Thursday, 19th ..... Women's Group - Rustic Trays  
Friday, 20th ..... Movie Night - Jumanji  
Friday, 27th ..... Soup & Pie - Ladies Auxiliary  
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## Get Your Home Ready to Sell with These Timely Tips

As we come into the spring market, typically the busiest market in real estate, you may be thinking of selling your home. You may be thinking of it now or in the near future, and I've compiled some tips you can use to get a start on making your home the most presentable and most attractive to a buyer.



### Try to detach yourself from the home.

Your home has become a part of your family and it is hard to let go. When it is time to sell it, you are going to have to try and emotionally detach from the home. You need to remember that potential buyers have seen many other homes and do not have the same attachment to your home. Take some time to say goodbye and then look forward to the future.

**Get documents ready.** Buyers will need to know what renovations you have done, the permits you've obtained for the work in your house, utility costs, your property tax assessment, the Real Property Report (with compliance), warranties on anything in the home that still exist, and any added features to your home that you'd like to showcase.

**Depersonalize your home.** The people coming in to view your home want to picture themselves in the home, not see pictures of the people already living there. Pictures will only distract them, and you want them to focus on the great aspects of your home so they will purchase it.

**Declutter your home.** This means that you need to get rid of all the knickknacks around your home (you are moving anyhow and will need to pack them up), clean out some of the books on your bookshelves, clean off all of your counters (bathroom and kitchen). You will likely enjoy how clean and clear your house looks, and potential buyers will feel the same!

**Focus on the entrance.** This is the very first impression of your home that a buyer will get. Make your front door inviting. Consider painting your front door a different colour, put out plants in pots, and have a nice welcome mat. Make sure the space inside is clutter-free and that it welcomes people into the home. Ensure that no footwear, coats or purses are in the way.

**Pay attention to the smells of your home.** Smells can trigger emotions in people, and certain smells can turn

people off, which may have an effect on the potential purchase of your home. Some people use tricks like baking chocolate chip cookies or cinnamon rolls right before an open house or showing (make sure they don't burn); using scented diffusers; or using air fresheners. Key areas are kitchens, laundry rooms, mudrooms and bathrooms. If you have a pet, and the pet lies on a particular couch or chair, really check on the smells emanating from that spot!

**Arrange each room to its full potential.** Buyers will look through closets and kitchen cupboards, so make sure that the contents don't come tumbling out on them. Organized closets and cupboards also show that there isn't a lack of storage space in the home. Don't be afraid to pack up things that aren't often used and that you can do without for a couple of months. Also look into getting rid of extra furniture—leave just enough in the room to show what the room is used for, with space to walk around.

### Make minor repairs to your home.

This doesn't mean you need to do a renovation on your home; all it means is that you should repair any holes or cracks in the drywall, replace damaged or cracked floor tiles and fix leaky taps and anything else minor that a buyer will notice. You may want to consider repainting rooms that have a bright colour to a more neutral colour—your tastes are not necessarily what buyers will want, and the less work they think they have to do, the better.



**Make each room shine.** This should be a no-brainer, but you'd be surprised at the messes we sometimes walk into when we show homes. They are an immediate turnoff to buyers, making them doubt you've been keeping up with the house. Make sure that you make everything sparkle. Once you have one good clean, chances are you will just have to do small cleans before a showing. Pay most attention to bathrooms and kitchens.

*Jackie Neher is not only a local REALTOR® but she is also an Architectural Technologist who has worked in interior design and home staging. If you have any questions about your home and design or staging, please feel free to contact her at [jneher@maxwellrealty.ca](mailto:jneher@maxwellrealty.ca).*



## Springtime is Time to Think about a Tetanus Shot

Spring is here—time to go out and explore the trails, do repairs around the house or work in the yard. It's also the time you can easily get a cut, scrape, animal bite or puncture wound, which can put you at risk for getting tetanus.



Tetanus is a serious infection that causes muscle spasms. It is sometimes called “lockjaw” because muscle spasms can clench the jaw shut. Tetanus is caused by bacteria that live in the soil and can get into your body through a break in the skin. High-risk wounds are penetrating wounds—if there is co-infection with other bacteria, dead wound tissue or poor vascularization—or if there is a foreign object in the wound.

It takes between 3 and 21 days to develop symptoms related to tetanus. Symptoms can include tight, painful muscles that won't relax, trouble breathing or swallowing, fever, sweating, restlessness and fast or irregular heart-beat. If tetanus is suspected, you should see a doctor. Between 10 and 15 percent of people diagnosed with tetanus will die from it.

Tetanus can be prevented by washing cuts and scrapes with soap and water and using an antibiotic ointment. If you cannot get all the dirt out or cannot see all the way into the wound, see a doctor. Another way to prevent tetanus is by getting a tetanus vaccine.

This vaccine is part of the routine immunization schedule in Alberta and will be administered at different ages, the last time in Grade 9. As an adult, you should get a tetanus booster every 10 years or if you have a high-risk wound and it has been more than 5 years since your last booster. This shot is available free of charge in your local clinic, Care in the Creek Medical Centre in Bragg Creek.

Come see us if you do not know when you had your last booster. We can check for you and immunize you if needed. Evening and weekend appointments are available. Contact us at 403 949 2457.

Enjoy spring!

*Dr Noordman*



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## No Lack of Snow for Seventh Annual Youth XC Ski Championships

Close to 160 skiers from 11 clubs across the province and in Yellowknife took part in the seventh annual Alberta Youth Cross Country Ski Championships March 2 to 4, hosted by the XC Bragg Creek Ski and Bike Society (XCBC). Hosting an outdoor event that relies on a good snow base is always something of a gamble, but this year Mother Nature came through in a big way. The trails in West Bragg Creek, already in great shape from a snowy couple of months, received more than 30 cm of fresh snow between the start and end of the event. Huge thanks go to volunteer trail groomers Jeff Hughes, Dave Cebuliak, Bill Hoyne and Dan Creaser, who logged close to 100 hours taming “Snowmageddon” and getting the trails in shape for athletes.

This year, for the first time, skiers from Nakoda Nordic took part in Saturday’s races,



Redwood's Sophy Aldred competes in the seventh annual AYC. *Photo by Dustin Leclerc*

which included an interval start classic race and a four-person relay with costumes. Coaches and parents—also in costume—competed in a three-person fun relay.

AYC, or “Youth Champs” as it’s also known, offers a skiers ages 10 to 13 (mini-midget and midget level skiers) the chance to compete against their peers in both classic and freestyle races. It’s the biggest event in the province for skiers in this age group and likely offers the most chance of a podium finish – since the podium accommodates top -10 finishers in each of four one-year categories.

XCBC had 21 skiers registered in the event, another record number for the “small club with the big heart.” Club skiers recorded seven top-10 finishes and won the small-club aggregate banner. Canmore Nordic Ski

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### Banded Peak School Kindergarten Program



Kindergarten students at Banded Peak are provided an exciting, enriching, and nurturing learning experience to begin their formal schooling. Talented, qualified teachers, spacious, well-equipped classrooms, a strong focus on literacy, numeracy and citizenship, access to a rich school library, daily physical education in our gymnasium, music, buddy programs, opportunities for parent involvement, and access to on-site before and after school childcare are but a few of the wonderful aspects of kindergarten at Banded Peak.

**We are now accepting registration for the 2018/19 school year.**

Please check the Rocky View School website at [www.rockyview.ab.ca](http://www.rockyview.ab.ca) (Advanced Registration Edition) for further information on how to register your child online.

Banded Peak is located 1.5KM south of the Hamlet of Bragg Creek on Highway 22.

**Please contact Banded Peak School at 403.949.2292 for further information.**



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Club took the overall aggregate banner.

Event organizers would like to thank the more than 60 volunteers who helped out before, during and after Youth Champs, handling everything from timing and course marshalling to food service and stadium set-up and tear-down. This event could not take place without a huge volunteer effort and many helping hands!

Thanks also go to Easter Seals Camp Horizon, which housed skiers, coaches and chaperones for the two nights, to our hardworking groomers, and to our generous sponsors, listed below. Thank you to all!

XCBC top-10 finishers:

**Classic ski – interval start**

2005 Boys – Robin Jansen (4<sup>th</sup>)

2005 Girls – Sydney Martin (6<sup>th</sup>)

2007 Girls – Hollie Jones (4<sup>th</sup>)

2007 Girls - Avery Thompson (8<sup>th</sup>)

**Freestyle ski – wave start**

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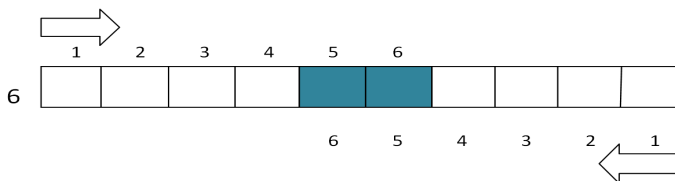
## picapix puzzle

The latest Japanese logic puzzle is here! A picture will evolve as you complete the puzzle. Start with the largest numbers or combination of, colour in squares and proceed to work back and forth between columns and rows.

The three basic rules are:

- Numbers represent how many squares you colour in to form a group or block.
- Leave at least one square between these blocks.
- The sequential order of the numbers is the order of the blocks, i.e., top number for a column is the top block, and left-most number for a row is the left-most block.

The “logic count method” shown below is very useful:  
The clue at the left of the row is 6, so count 6 squares from the left to right and then count 6 squares from right to left.



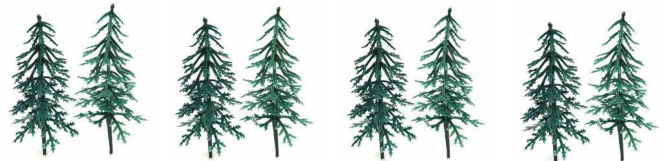
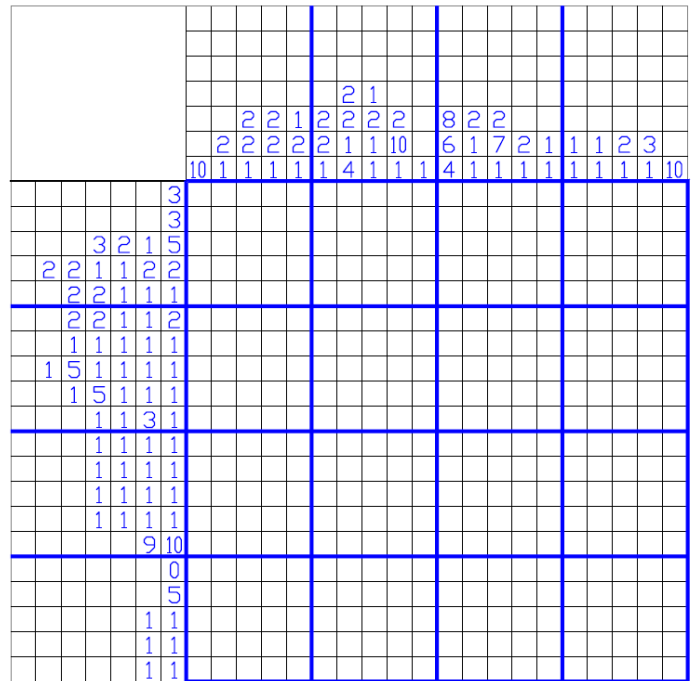
Confidently shade in the overlapping squares. This is spatial reasoning. Even one shaded square can lead to others.

This same method can be applied even when there is more than one number, remembering to allow one empty square between groups or blocks. Use a second colour for elimination of background squares. This is critical for solving.

Remember – no guessing; try using your best number logic. For more information, visit <http://www.learnpicapix.com>.

*Created by Diane Baher of Okotoks  
(Solution on page 20.)*

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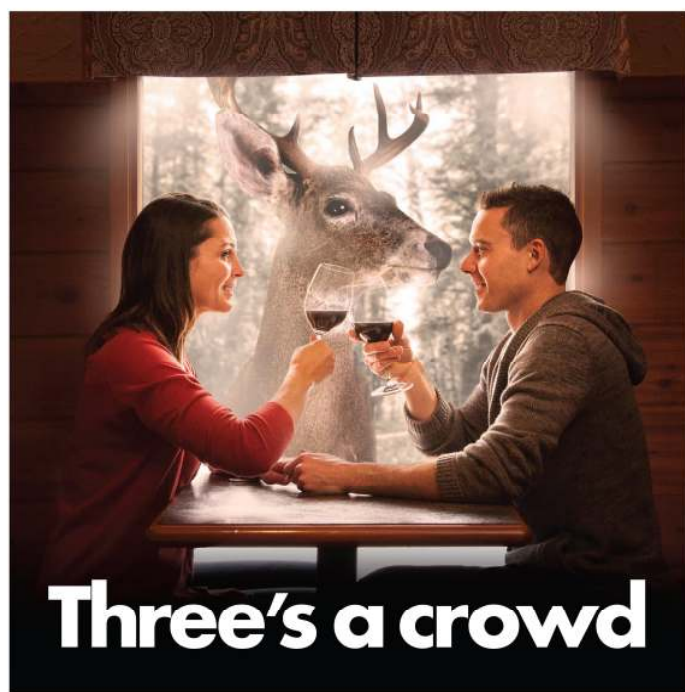
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## Adding a Line of Credit (LOC) to your Leasehold Property?

I get calls all the time from people who say, *I was told that I cannot add a line of credit because of the lease.* Incorrect information floats around and when you've heard it enough times, you think it must be true, right?!

Well, no, in this case it is not true. Yes, it became more difficult to access lines of credit a few years back thanks to new government regulation, but this applies to both freehold land and leasehold land. Anyone applying for a LOC faces stricter criteria, regardless of where your property is located.

Here are the general benefits of a LOC:

- A LOC is a flexible home equity line of credit that can be used to purchase a home or borrow funds for other purposes to turn any dream into reality.
- You may use money borrowed (up to available total credit limit) for any purpose—to consolidate debt, invest, fund a child's education, renovate a home or take a vacation.
- Get convenient and fast access to funds—redraw funds when needed.

- Take advantage of minimum monthly payments of interest only.
- Pay off the entire loan at any time without penalty—a LOC is fully open for prepayment.
- Depending on the lender, you may convert to another mortgage at any time without penalty. (Certain conditions may apply).

If you currently have no mortgage at all or are purchasing a new property in Redwood Meadows and would like to set up a new LOC: Maximum LOC limit available is **65 percent** of your home's value. If your home is worth \$550,000 then the maximum LOC available is \$357,500, OAC.

If you have an existing mortgage in place with a lender, you may still add on a second position LOC up to the same **65 percent** loan-to-value. Using the same example of \$550,000 in home value, and if you have a current mortgage at \$250,000, then you could still apply for a LOC for up to \$107,500.00 (difference between \$357,500 less your existing \$250,000 mortgage).

However, if at time of purchase or a refinance you combine a fixed/variable mortgage with a LOC, whereby some money is fixed under a standard-term mortgage and a LOC is included: Maximum limit available is **80 percent** of your home's value. If your home is worth \$550,000, the maximum financing available is \$440,000, OAC.

In this scenario, for example, if you want \$440,000 in financing, we can do a 5-year fixed for \$240,000 and a LOC for \$200,000. The combination of both products cannot exceed 80 percent of the property's value (and may be almost any combination), but fixing a an amount to the mortgage allows you to exceed the 65 percent LOC limit and go up to 80 percent. This is all OAC and subject to certain terms and conditions of course

As with many major financial decisions, getting the right advice is key. Discuss your situation with a knowledgeable mortgage broker.

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## little schoolhouse news



Students from The Little Schoolhouse in Bragg Creek enjoyed a day at Telus Spark in March, exploring the amazing Whales Tohora exhibit and the Creative Kids Museum. Some brave participants even took a drink out of the toilet water fountain! For more information on the LSH and its programs, see page 20.

*Photos submitted by The Little Schoolhouse*



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## Thanks to All Who Made Schoolhouse Fundraiser a Success

Our fieldtrip to Telus Spark was a smashing success! The ride on the big yellow school bus was a highlight, especially for the preschool students! We explored the amazing Whales Tohora exhibit, Creative Kids Museum, and some of us even took a drink out of the toilet water fountain! Making memories together is so rewarding. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered for the day; your support of our programs is much appreciated!



Mixed media sculptures, large block towers and boats and ocean landscapes have taken over our preschool classes. We are creating amazing works of art, learning our letters and numbers, and building compassionate friendships. The children have been bringing in special ocean artifacts from home to show and talk about with their peers. Our ocean studies have even taken us to the abyss to learn about angler fish!

Throughout the second term in Kindergarten, the children were given many opportunities to explore, create and build understanding both independently and collaboratively. We have been fully engaged in storytelling through print, illustration and play. We are now very comfortable as a classroom family and the children are working in small groups each day, cooperating and solving problems together. Sharing personal experiences and talking in front of the class have become a favourite time in our routine. This encourages self-confidence and the pursuit of knowledge, foundational for life-long learning.

The Little Schoolhouse parent board would like to thank everyone who came and volunteered for our rustic sign night fundraiser. The night was a success, and we couldn't have done it without our volunteers! We would also like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their silent auction donations/contributions:

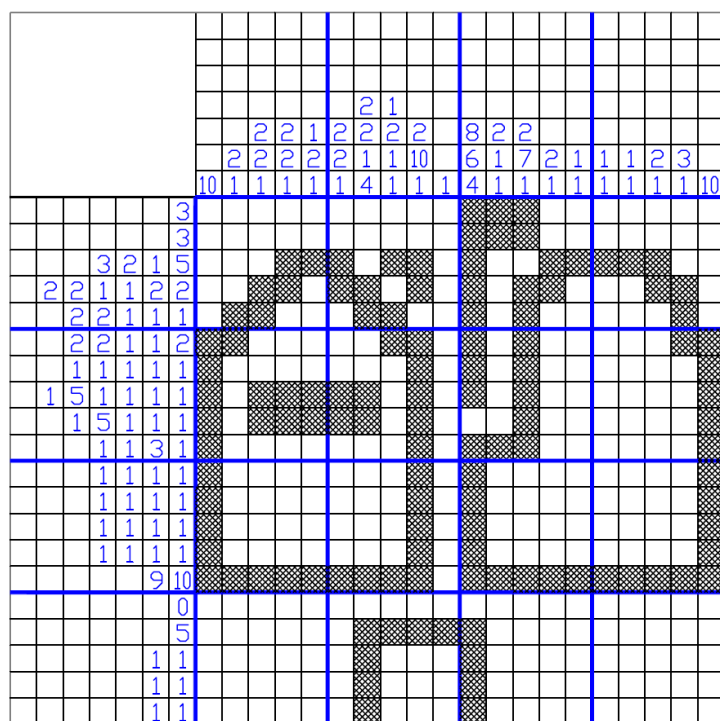
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Registration for the 2018-19 school year is now ongoing. Please visit [www.thelittleschoolhouse.ca](http://www.thelittleschoolhouse.ca) for information and forms. For information on programming, please contact me at [miscara@thelittleschoolhouse.ca](mailto:miscara@thelittleschoolhouse.ca) or call the school at 403-949-3939.

*Cara Haar, M.Ed., teacher*

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Jerrith	14	Red Cross Babysitting	403-869-5634
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Kate	14	Babysitting course	403-860-9525
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# Living with Wildlife

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*Jay Honeyman currently works as Human/Wildlife Conflict biologist for Alberta Environment and Parks. He has worked as a conservation officer in Kananaskis Country for 17 years and has assisted government agencies with their bear conflict problems as a private contractor in Canada and the United States. He has an MSc in Environmental Management from Royal Roads University.*

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