

Hello Ward 5!

The days are getting longer and spring is right around the corner! February is an exciting month for some as there will be celebrations of the Chinese New Year, Super Bowl & Valentine's Day. This month, we will also be continuing our sessions of *Chai with Chahal*. Our goal as an office is to make life easier for our residents and we want you to have a voice through this platform. *Chai with Chahal* is a great opportunity to communicate with our office about issues that are important to you. Please e-mail ward05@calgary.ca for more information.

February 5th marks the Chinese New Year, the year of the pig. It is a time for celebration & happiness, the arrival of spring and with it, great abundance. I wish everyone who is celebrating, Happy Chinese New Year! May you have a great year filled with good health, prosperity and happiness!

City of Calgary's Roads crews are still keeping an eye on the forecast, preparing roads with anti-icing solution before the snow falls, and maintaining City streets as soon as snowflakes hit the ground. Stay informed during every snowfall by following [@yycrtransport](https://twitter.com/yycrtransport) on Twitter and downloading the *Road Conditions App* for frequent updates. You can also see where crews are plowing on the live map at Calgary.ca/RoadConditions.

Assessment notices are now available. The City of Calgary mailed the notices on Jan.3, 2019 and they are also available online. The information contained in these assessment notices will be used to prepare the 2019 property tax bills. You can check, review and compare your notice online. If you have any questions about your property assessment, contact Assessment at 403-268-2888 during the Customer Review Period on now until March 12, 2019. Visit calgary.ca/assessment to get more information, access Assessment Search, and sign up for paperless eNotices. By logging into Assessment Search, you can review your assessment, compare it to other similar properties and more.

Power outages can happen any time of the year but are especially dangerous during the cold winter months. They can last for minutes, hours and sometimes even days. The best way to stay safe in a power outage, is to be prepared. Have a fully stocked 72-hour kit including flashlights, blankets and non-perishable food. For more information on preparing for a power outage and building a 72-hour kit, visit calgary.ca/getready. To report a power outage, call ENMAX Power Trouble Line at 403-514-6100.

Think you don't have a creative bone in your body? Think again! We all have the ability to be creative and programs with The City of Calgary can help you find your inner artist. The City of Calgary is offering hundreds of artistic and creative programs for all ages, interests and abilities, allowing you to get more creative, more often. Performing and visual arts classes range from beginner drawing and painting for adults, to pre-school dance and ballet, clay classes for families, and even belly dancing for those looking for something a little different. Registration is now open. To tap into your inner artist and see which program is right for you, visit calgary.ca/register.

The City's Spring & Summer Recreation Program Guide has the most variety of fun and affordable activities for your family. Choose from day camps, swimming, arts, dance, fitness, sports, sailing, golf and more! Registration opens February 19. Find your fit at calgary.ca/register.

311 is your best way to access The City anytime, anywhere! This is a great resource the City has set up and we want all of our residents to utilize this service. 311 is for non-emergency and non-law enforcement (i.e. by-law related issues, potholes, street cleaning etc.). You can download the 311 app on your phone for convenience, or just simply dial 311.

Please contact our office at ward05@calgary.ca or join us on Twitter/Facebook @ChahalGeorge to keep your finger on the pulse for everything Ward 5 and the City of Calgary!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Chahal". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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