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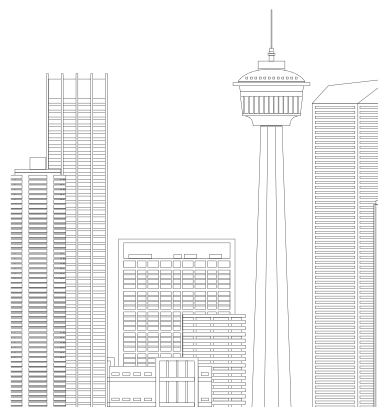


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## Gentle Intentions

*from Alberta Health Services*

### News from the Friends of Nose Hill

*by Anne Burke*

The Calgary Naturalists' Club was started in the late 1940s. Its activities included plant, bird, and star study groups. After the Calgary Bird Club was formed, the Calgary Naturalists' Club was discontinued, due to lack of support, since so many of its members had transferred their membership. The Calgary Bird Club evolved and became the Calgary Field Naturalists' Society, an advocate for the ongoing protection of parks and other natural areas by letters and through engagement with city officials.

According to the Provincial Archives of Alberta, when the first meeting of the Federation of Alberta Naturalists was held, it was attended by representatives from six regional naturalist clubs: the Calgary Field Naturalists' Society (now known as Nature Calgary), the Edmonton Bird Club, the Edmonton Natural History Club, the Lethbridge Natural History Society, the Alberta Natural History Society (of Red Deer), and the Bow Valley Naturalists. Membership in the Federation has since grown to include over 40 clubs, representing thousands of individuals.

The Federation (now known as Nature Alberta) was registered under the Societies Act to increase knowledge of natural history and understanding of ecological processes; to promote the exchange of information and views among natural history clubs and societies; and to foster and assist in the formation of additional natural history clubs and societies in Alberta. The aims are to promote new natural areas and nature reserves; to conserve and protect species, communities, or other features of interest; as well as to organize or coordinate conferences, field meetings, nature camps, research, and other activities. The group offers naturalists a forum in which questions relating to the conservation of the natural environment may be discussed, united positions are developed, and the means of translating these positions are put into action.

Every January, there seems to be the pressure of locking in New Year resolutions. Be kind to yourself and instead consider setting some "gentle intentions." Without focusing on overwhelming changes, reflect on smaller things we can do each day to improve our wellbeing. This shift in mindset can set up more sustainable, meaningful routines for 2023!

### Here Are Some Tangible Tips to Embrace:

#### Sleep

Create habits that help you get a good night's sleep. Avoid looking at screens before bed, write your thoughts about the day in a journal, read a good book, or take a mindful moment to relax before getting some ZZZs.

#### Nutrition

You must nourish to flourish! Fuel your body in a balanced way that feels right. Learn how you can also support others by contributing to local food banks, healthy food boxes, or community fridges.

#### Helping Others

Everyone can use a helping hand from time to time. Think about the ways you can be active and helpful to your community. Why not surprise your neighbour by shoveling their walkway or inviting them over for a cup of tea!

#### Supportive Connections

Think about the natural supports in your life, like friends, family, or members of your faith community. Check in with them after the excitement of the holidays is over. Rather than just responding, problem solving, or offering advice, try to offer support by listening.

#### Physical Activity

We know it will be chilly or snowy, so try to embrace the cooler season! Enjoy a hot cocoa, visit your local skating rink, or simply head out for a beautiful winter stroll.

# Fly Safely on Your Vacation

from the Better Business Bureau



Are you thinking about traveling by air for a few days?

## **Before Clicking the Button to Buy Tickets, BBB Recommends the Following:**

- Check current requirements for domestic and international travel. In Canada, look for Canadian travel advisories.
- Make sure everyone who is traveling has the appropriate ID. Make certain parties traveling together have a current compliant ID as required by the provinces or countries you're traveling to.
- Read all cancellation policies carefully. Not all situations require a full refund of the ticket value and fees if your flight is canceled. Each online travel agency, airline, and broker is different.
- Book tickets only after reviewing travel restrictions. Save time and stress by reading the updated status of restrictions on the Health Canada website.
- Consider trip insurance. Have a complete understanding of what the policy does and does not cover.

- Be an informed traveler. Refer to the Department of Transportation website for details on consumer issues, filing complaints, and other aviation information.
- Avoid hidden fees. Read the fine print!

Flying isn't the only aspect of your trip to consider.

## **Here Are Some Other Travel-Related Resources from BBB:**

- **Rental cars:** Make your next car rental experience a little easier.
- **Hotel rooms:** Learn what to keep in mind when booking a hotel room.
- **Travel agents:** Know what to look for in a travel agent and find one near you.

During the holiday or any time of year, find ways to travel safely and avoid scams. If you plan to travel to or from Canada, check for travel advisories. Remember to report any suspicious activities to BBB Scam Tracker and sign up for Scam Alerts.

For more information go to [BBB.org](https://www.bbb.org).



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## SAFE & SOUND

### Sledding Safety

by Alberta Health Services, EMS

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would like to remind parents and children about a few toboggan/sledding safety tips as the winter season continues. Injuries may result from collisions with stationary objects on the hill, such as trees, poles, rocks, or even collisions with other people. Unprotected falls can also result in more serious injury if you lose control at high speeds. However, everyone can be safe and have fun on the toboggan hill by following these reminders.

#### Equipment

- Always ensure your toboggan, or sledding device, is in good repair. Inspect it for any damaged or missing parts before each use.
- Be certain the operator is fully capable of staying in control of the sled at all times.
- Wear a ski helmet, designed for use in cold weather and high speeds.

#### Hazards

- Avoid hills that are too steep or too icy.
- Choose hills free of all obstacles such as trees, rocks, utility poles, benches, or fences.
- Beware of loose scarves, or clothing containing drawstrings, which could present a strangulation hazard if they become caught or snagged.
- Look out for others. Move quickly to the side after finishing a run and stay to the side of the sliding path when walking up the hill.
- Children should be supervised by an adult; never toboggan alone.
- Tobogganing at night is not advised.

#### Plan Ahead

- Dress warmly in layers and anticipate weather changes.
- Consider bringing extra sets of gloves and toques to exchange wet garments for dry ones.
- Take breaks out of the cold to warm up.
- Attempt to cover any exposed skin.
- Even when properly protected from the elements, the fingertips, toes, ears, the tip of the nose, and other high points on the face, such as the forehead and cheek bones can be affected by frostbite.
- If frost bite has occurred, treat it by first removing the individual out of the cold environment. Gently warm the affected skin by placing a warm hand over it, or by placing the affected part in warm - not hot - water, until re-warmed.

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# Old Fashioned Fish Pie

by Jennifer Puri



Simple and traditional, Fish pie is a comfort food that originated in Scotland and is an integral part of the culinary heritage of the British Isles.

Sweet, soft, salty, and smooth, comfort foods are associated with a feeling of emotional well-being.

Mashed or fried potatoes were the original comfort food, along with Chicken soup, meatloaf, perogies, and Mac and Cheese.

Comfort foods are a trend that is constantly evolving and is reflected in our modern-day versions such as chips, ice cream, cookies, pizza, pasta, and burgers.

A classic cold weather dish, Old Fashioned Fish Pie uses white fish fillets, prawns, leeks, and spoonfuls of fresh herbs. It pairs well with soups, salads, cooked peas, or carrots.

The mashed potatoes used in this recipe can be substituted with sliced potatoes, puff, or crust pastry.

**Prep Time:** 40 minutes

**Cook Time:** 1 hour 45 minutes

**Servings:** 4 to 6

## Ingredients:

- 1 ½ lbs skinless white fish fillets
- 12 raw tiger prawns
- 2 ½ lbs of peeled potatoes
- 3 ½ cups milk

- 2 cups leeks finely chopped
- 2 Bay leaves
- 10 peppercorns
- 10 tbsps. of butter
- ½ cup all purpose flour
- 5 tbsps. of chopped fresh parsley
- 4 tbsps. of chopped fresh dill
- Salt and black pepper to taste

## Directions:

Place the milk, bay leaves, peppercorns, and leeks in a saucepan and bring to boil. Simmer on low heat for 10 minutes and then strain the mixture and set aside.

Arrange the fish fillets in a large pan and pour the strained mixture over them and simmer on stove for 5 to 7 minutes. Remove fish fillets from pan, flake the fish, and then place in a medium size baking dish. Arrange shelled prawns on top of the fish and set aside.

Melt half the butter in a saucepan over medium heat, stir in the flour, and gradually add the flavoured milk. Simmer until sauce thickens (about 10 minutes). Remove saucepan from stove and stir in the parsley, salt, and pepper to taste. Pour the sauce over the fish and prawns.

Boil peeled potatoes in salted water until soft then drain and mash. Add the remaining butter, chopped dill, and salt to taste. Spoon the mashed potatoes onto the fish and prawns spreading it evenly. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for about 45 minutes or until the potatoes are crusty and golden brown. Serve immediately.

Bon Appétit!





## Hamptons Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Hamptons

MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
November 2022	\$779,900	\$759,500
October 2022	\$677,000	\$677,000
September 2022	\$849,000	\$822,500
August 2022	\$874,900	\$846,500
July 2022	\$784,900	\$764,450
June 2022	\$859,000	\$830,000
May 2022	\$899,900	\$892,000
April 2022	\$799,900	\$801,500
March 2022	\$734,450	\$761,400
February 2022	\$748,900	\$733,000
January 2022	\$759,900	\$738,288
December 2021	\$839,000	\$815,000

Last 12 Months Hamptons

MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
November 2022	7	7
October 2022	6	2
September 2022	5	7
August 2022	5	6
July 2022	10	6
June 2022	2	7
May 2022	14	8
April 2022	12	12
March 2022	15	10
February 2022	10	12
January 2022	7	7
December 2021	7	9

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As we ring in the new year and many people make their resolutions, Alberta's government is resolved to improve healthcare.

We know Alberta has the best frontline healthcare staff in the entire world, but despite the excellent work of our doctors, nurses, paramedics, and other frontline staff, our patients are waiting too long to access the care they deserve.

Our government's goals include improving EMS response times, decreasing emergency room wait times, reducing wait times for surgeries, and developing long-term reforms through consultations with frontline workers, including discovering ways to restore decision-making to local healthcare professionals and authorities.

Albertans want accountability within Alberta Health Services, and they want to know that a world-class health system and level of care is available when they need it. We care deeply about our healthcare system, and we need to ensure it's working to support Albertans and their loved ones, should they need it.

We must be honest about the state of our healthcare system if we are going to fix it. Right now, the system is struggling to keep up with growing demand. The driving force behind these changes is building a system that is not only strong but resilient to changing circumstances and growth pressures.

Like you, I cherish the work of our frontline healthcare workers and I care deeply about the system they operate in. That is why I am pleased to see our government acting to resolve these longstanding issues in our healthcare system.

We will not kick the can down the road. We will act now to ensure Albertans have the world-class system they deserve for generations to come.

Best wishes to you and your family for an excellent 2023!

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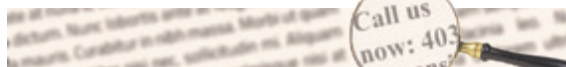
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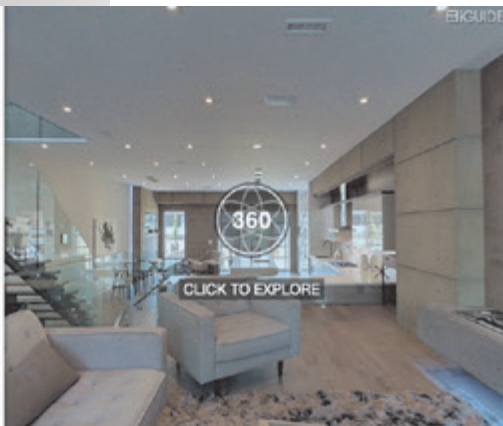
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