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The Montgomery Messenger is a publication of the Montgomery Community Association and Great News Media.

Published year round for mail delivery in the middle of every month. Content from the public is welcome and invited. To inquire about submitting content please email editor@mcapeople.com or phone 403-247-3116.

All advertising inquiries should be directed to Great News Media.

Editorial deadline for content submissions is the first of month, for the following month's issue. All submissions should be as Word documents, and sent to editor@mcapeople.com. High quality photos are also welcome.

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The following are available online at www.mcapeople.com:

MCA Family and Business Memberships

MCA Community Garden Registration

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Let's Talk about Music!

by Spike Richards

Happy New Year! I hope you got out and supported the venues that support our local and live musicians through the festive season. There were so many choices! YYC's minstrel scene is very vibrant right now. Let's help keep it that way!

We have a jewel in our own MCA Hall Friday January 26. I extend a personal invitation to join your neighbours and hear a prolific songwriter, exquisitely gifted vocalist, and very cool mom... Heather Blush.

Our Fourth Friday Pub Nights begins the 2024 series quite nicely with Heather and Captain Steve on our stage. All ages are welcome (with guardians).

I cannot shout out loud enough my "thank you" to all the volunteers who stepped up and helped us this last year at our various MCA hosted events. We fumbled. And stumbled. Oh my, yes. But we learned. And we are growing, each event has a few more Montgomery residents showing up. Singles, couples, families. Community. That's the point of these Fourth Friday evening gatherings, building our community.

We would love you, your family, and your neighbours to be a part of our growth. Please do join us January 26 at 7:00 pm.

Volunteerism is the act of contributing no charge labour and/or expertise to conduct community service or support a nonprofit organization. Basically, it is the principle of you donating your time, smarts, and energy towards a greater cause... you know, our community.

MCA Volunteers help change the lives of those around us daily, considering it a social responsibility rather than receiving a financial reward. Our association has many opportunities for you to reach out and share your skills or learn new ones. Our recent fundraising casino night is a good example, but there are many more.

We would love to have you join our (your) MCA Board. Or be a helping hand at our Pub Nights, Seniors Socials, Marketplaces, Workshops, Garden, Bike Park, Planning, Historical or upcoming major events. We also welcome your contributions to the *Messenger!*

Send a note to Benjamin or Spike (our emails are inside the front cover), and let's see if we can match your passion and experience to our 2024 MCA programming!

Got questions for MCA?

We are always near to hear your comments and suggestions. Our emails are inside the front cover.

We also recognize you may have bigger questions. We will be hosting an "information sharing" evening at our February 23 Fourth Friday pub night, just a few days before our AGM, with tabletops set up from various City and MCA neighbourhood groups.

Is there something you want us to address? (Spike at events@mcapeople.com)

MCA Hosted Events. Join Us!

MCA Board Meeting, Members are welcome
January 16, 7:00 pm

Fourth Friday all ages Pub Night with Heather Blush
January 26, 7 to 11:00 pm

MCA Social Seniors Club Potluck lunch and live music
January 27, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

MCA Board Meeting, Members are welcome
February 19, 7:00 pm

Fourth Friday all ages Pub Night and Information Fair
February 23, 7:00 to 11:00 pm

MCA Social Seniors Club Potluck lunch and live music
February 24, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

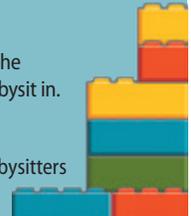
MCA Annual General Meeting
February 27, 7:00 pm



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Communication Culture

by Karl Plesz

One aspect of work that has always fascinated me is how everyone has a unique take on communications channels and which ones they prefer versus which ones they don't like. These days, work communications can employ email, phone, texting, messaging apps like Jabber or Teams, threaded posts like Teams or Slack and finally, face-to-face conversations.

I remember when a new boss joined our team and most of my emails went unanswered. Needless to say, that didn't go over well. I was having a chat with him in his office one day and asked, "What is your preferred communications channel?" He smiled and said, "You're probably not getting answers to emails you send me, are you?" We had a chuckle before he explained that email is the absolute worst way to try and reach him, because as the Director, he gets hit with potentially hundreds of messages a day, and he hasn't found a way to manage them all. He told me that text was the best way to reach him, especially if I needed an answer in a timely manner.

The more I spoke to colleagues at work, the more I saw just how different they all were about this topic. I don't like email very much, because my nature expects an answer in a reasonable amount of time, and I end up disappointed most of the time. At least with email there is a record of the conversation. Calling on the phone is great, when the person I'm calling is free and by their phone. I hate leaving voicemail - it feels just like another email to me. The various chat options are good, but in the company where I work, the population is divided into three groups, those who use Jabber (a Cisco phone system add-on), those who use Teams, and those who use neither, because they're not 'chatters'. Very few of my colleagues use text as a channel, because very few of them have work phones, and people take a stand against using their personal phone for work.

My favourite channel is also the most social. Face-to-face conversations. I love being able to see a person when we're conversing. The words, the tone, the body language, the facial expressions, the context that is difficult to convey electronically. Never mind that it

is a great way to practice active listening, where you're fully focused on the other person and not thinking about your response.

Do you know what your preferred channels are? How about the preferred channels of your peers? Have your communications methods evolved over the years? In my workplace, there are small groups of entrepreneurial people who, once they discovered Teams, moved all of their collaboration and communication onto that platform. This significantly reduced email inbox traffic internally. But other groups gave the Teams culture a try with mixed or no success. Here's hoping you find a combination of channels that works for you.



COMING SOON! NEW PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ARE COMING TO MCA

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Friday, February 9, 2024

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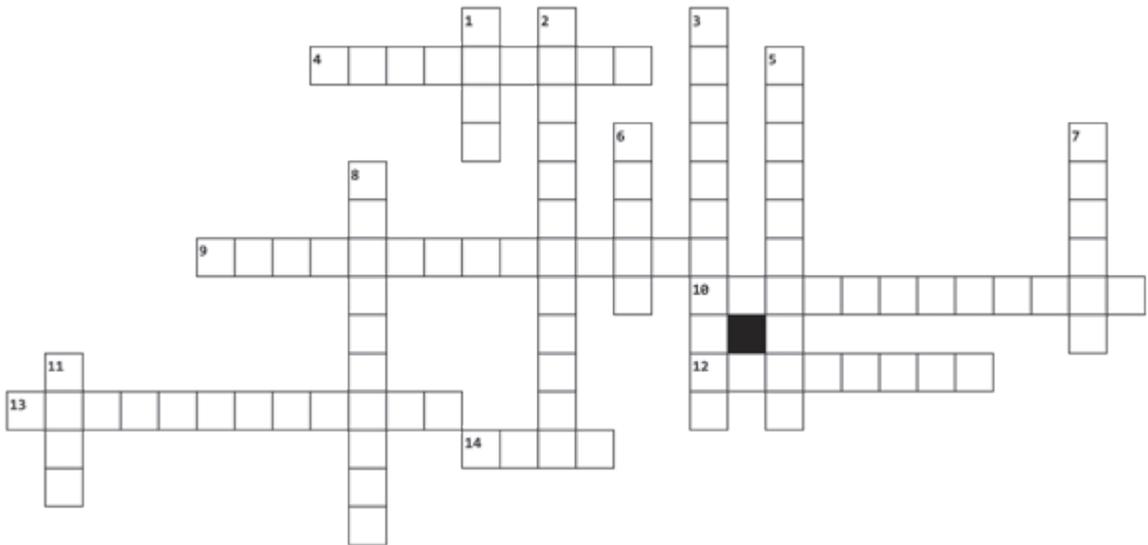


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January Crossword



Across

4. Every year on January 11, Sir John A. _____ Day is observed in Canada.
9. Premiering on January 6, 1975, this game show features multiple contestants working with the alphabet to try and solve a puzzle. It has 41 seasons.
10. In 1904, the first New Year's celebration was held in Times Square to celebrate the new headquarters of this popular publishing company.
12. January is known for being the coldest month in this hemisphere.
13. Before being turned into a film, *The Girl on the Train* was written by _____ and published on January 6, 2015.
14. Born on January 25, 1981, this talented Alicia sings "No one" and "If I Ain't Got You".

Down

1. People born between December 22 and January 22 are considered Capricorns. Interestingly, this word comes from 'Capricornus' which means _____ in Latin.
2. A true Canadian icon, this former hockey player was born on January 26, 1961, and holds the nickname "The Great One".
3. This gruelling survival film came out on January 8, 2016, finally winning Leonardo DiCaprio his long-awaited Oscar.
5. This British singer songwriter was born on January 10, 1945, and is known for his raspy voice and his album *Every Picture Tells a Story*.
6. This two-faced God is the symbol of January in ancient Roman myth.
7. This stone is the official birthstone for January and is meant to keep you safe when travelling.
8. On January 25, 1961, Disney put out the spotted masterpiece, *101* _____.
11. This iconic single from Canada's own Justin Bieber features Ludacris and was released and available for digital download on January 18, 2010.



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Montgomery Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Montgomery
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
November 2023	\$628,994.00	\$609,500.00
October 2023	\$647,000.00	\$648,250.00
September 2023	\$605,000.00	\$605,000.00
August 2023	\$634,949.50	\$640,000.00
July 2023	\$512,450.00	\$522,000.00
June 2023	\$650,000.00	\$666,750.00
May 2023	\$589,900.00	\$634,250.00
April 2023	\$719,000.00	\$700,425.00
March 2023	\$834,450.00	\$815,000.00
February 2023	\$564,950.00	\$546,000.00
January 2023	\$764,900.00	\$757,000.00
December 2022	\$694,950.00	\$676,000.00

Last 12 Months Montgomery
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
November 2023	9	10
October 2023	11	12
September 2023	17	5
August 2023	10	10
July 2023	11	10
June 2023	6	10
May 2023	12	15
April 2023	12	17
March 2023	17	8
February 2023	7	8
January 2023	8	10
December 2022	1	8

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How To Report Crime In Montgomery: Dial 911 for emergencies or crimes in progress. For non-emergencies dial (403) 266-1234. To report a crime anonymously, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (Talk, Type or Text), submit tips online at crimestoppers.ab.ca, or text tttTIPS to 274637.



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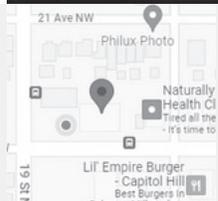


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Seniors Social

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News from the Friends of Nose Hill

by Anne Burke

Along the many 1959 vehicle trails, a great deal of severe damage occurred on slope crests and the top of hummocky areas (i.e., a small knoll or mound above ground). Although regeneration was slow, the amount of scarring evident in 1982 photographs was less than in 1969. Many of the deeply cut and rutted trails were along the 24th Street alignment. There were significant vehicle impacts on the bluffs north and south of Porcupine Valley. The hillside due west of the Berkley Gate parking lot was heavily scarred, as were the ravine slopes and trail up the north face of the bluff that rises from the south side of the Valley. In 1990, Canadian Western Natural Gas was granted a utility metre easement in the park on the slopes marking the Park's northern boundary. Adjacent construction projects involved temporary removal of post-and-cable fencing to deposit waste in the MacEwan Glen Ravine.

Between 1982 and 1990, walkers and cyclists expanded the already extensive trail network. In 1993, trail conditions and user data were collected during the period of 20 July to 20 September from the glacial moraine (the plateau and side slopes), ravines (such as Many Owls and Porcupine Valley), and disturbed land. Use of Nose Hill was greater in the afternoon and evenings. A total of 631 people used pathways versus 200 on trails. More walkers used pathways while those with dogs used ravines. On weekends more users spent time in the ravines. Almost three times as many users were recorded using the Hill plateau and side slopes, rather than ravines, during the week. Survey work was done by pairs of volunteers from Friends of Nose Hill, Nose Hill Communities Board, and the Calgary Field Naturalists Society.

That's a Lot of Snow

Scotland has an impressive linguistic flair for describing snow—with a whopping 421 distinct words and expressions! Among them, you'll find gems like “snaw,” “sneesi,” and “skelf,” officially documented as part of the Scottish lexicon for capturing the nuanced beauty of snow in its various forms. It's a linguistic snowscape that paints a vivid picture of Scotland's intimate relationship with the winter wonderland.



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All material must be received by MCA by the first of the month for the following month.

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