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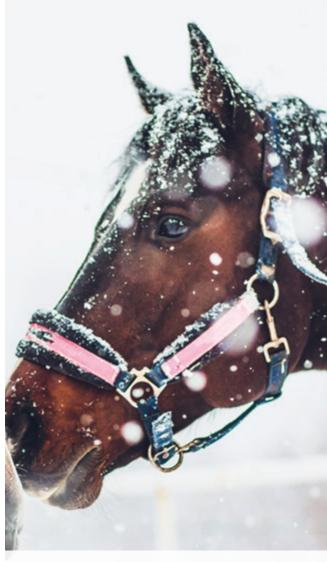
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RESIDENT PERSPECTIVES

The Fruit That Made It into the News

by Kosha Vaidya, MBBS, CH

Chinese gooseberries are also known as kiwi fruit. Since they have made it into the news, kiwi fruits are becoming more popular.

Kiwi fruit is a good source of vitamin C; it's been said that they have the same amount of vitamin C as an orange, if not more. Kiwis have a good amount of fibre and are beneficial for people suffering from constipation. They are also a good source of potassium, which has been known to prevent strokes and to provide other health benefits as well. This fruit also has many antioxidants such as lutein and has been shown to be good for the prevention of age-related macular degeneration.

According to research, kiwi fruit has beneficial effects in relation to lowering blood pressure in people suffering

from high blood pressure. In these studies, people who ate three kiwis a day for eight weeks had a drop of upper/systolic blood pressure by 3.6mm. Therefore, including them in a healthy diet plan of getting five to seven servings of fruits and vegetables per day would be beneficial. However, I would be careful eating three kiwis a day as that would add up to 21 kiwis per week.

Kiwi fruit, like other fruits, should be eaten in moderation. This Chinese gooseberry contains oxalates, so people with oxalate kidney stones or gallbladder stones should limit kiwi intake. Some people may be allergic to them, and oddly, others who are allergic to latex are more prone to being allergic to kiwi fruit as well.

Whenever possible, try to buy organic kiwis. The best ones are not too firm or too soft.

I used to love to decorate cakes and fruit salads with kiwis as they add a nice colour contrast, which appealed to me. I guess after hearing the latest news about them, I will be adding them for all their known health benefits too!







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GAMES & PUZZLES

Guess That Food!

- 1. This sweet treat was invented by dentist William Morrison and confectioner John C. Wharton in 1897 in Nashville, Tennessee.
- 2. Greek immigrant Sam Panopoulos created this controversial type of pizza in Chatham, Ontario.
- 3. The first food planted in space.
- 4. This chocolatey cereal dessert is thought to have been invented by Alfred James Russell in Red Deer, Alberta.
- 5. US president, Thomas Jefferson, and his chef, James Hemings, brought this classic dish to America from Paris.
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Last 12 Months Sage Hill
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| | Median Asking Price | Median Sold Price |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| September 2023 | \$ 355,000 | \$ 365,000 |
| August 2023 | \$ 367,450 | \$ 371,250 |
| July 2023 | \$ 349,900 | \$ 368,000 |
| June 2023 | \$ 464,450 | \$ 470,393 |
| May 2023 | \$ 384,999 | \$ 382,000 |
| April 2023 | \$ 425,000 | \$ 424,900 |
| March 2023 | \$ 335,000 | \$ 350,200 |
| February 2023 | \$ 349,999 | \$ 355,000 |
| January 2023 | \$ 549,900 | \$ 495,000 |
| December 2022 | \$ 298,800 | \$ 280,000 |
| November 2022 | \$ 344,900 | \$ 338,500 |
| October 2022 | \$ 399,000 | \$ 394,000 |

Last 12 Months Nolan Hill MLS Real Estate Sale Price Stats

| | Median Asking Price | Median Sold Price |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| September 2023 | \$ 665,000 | \$ 682,000 |
| August 2023 | \$ 625,000 | \$ 658,000 |
| July 2023 | \$ 673,950 | \$ 685,000 |
| June 2023 | \$ 515,000 | \$ 520,000 |
| May 2023 | \$ 675,000 | \$ 645,000 |
| April 2023 | \$ 627,000 | \$ 629,250 |
| March 2023 | \$ 585,000 | \$ 620,000 |
| February 2023 | \$ 419,900 | \$ 423,950 |
| January 2023 | \$ 534,900 | \$ 521,350 |
| December 2022 | \$ 674,900 | \$ 650,000 |
| November 2022 | \$ 559,900 | \$ 550,000 |
| October 2022 | \$ 432,000 | \$ 427,500 |

To view more detailed information that comprise the above MLS averages please visit **sgh.mycalgary.com** or **nol.mycalgary.com**





MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT



Seven Ways to Break Free of a Trauma Bond

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What is a trauma bond or traumatic bonding? Trauma bonding happens when someone who has been in an abusive relationship, develops strong feelings for those who have abused them. A term you may have heard is Stockholm Syndrome. The abuse may range from emotional abuse to physical abuse and sexual assault. The victim may develop an emotional connection with the abuser, which can lead to incongruent intense feelings of attachment. These bonds can be challenging to overcome the longer the victim is with their abuser. There are 2 main factors involved in establishing trauma bonds: a power imbalance, and an intermittent reinforcement of good and bad treatment. These relationships are based on intensity, domination, and unpredictability.

What are some causes?

Attachment and dependence trauma bond can be formed when a victim experiences abuse and then remorse. For example: love bombing, trust and dependency, criticism, resignation of personal control, gaslighting, loss of self/self-esteem, addiction (to the cycle of push and pull).

Another cause can be biological responses which can aid the formation of trauma bonds such as: freeze response to a threat, and a cycle of dopamine and oxytocin (A.K.A. the honeymoon phase of abuser remorse and romancing).

When you feel trapped in a trauma bond, please know there is hope and help for you.

Here are seven ways to break free from a trauma bond:

Educate Yourself – learn the red flags of what relationships could turn into a toxic or abusive relationship, and the personality traits of an abuser. Read Patrick Carnes' *Betrayal Bond* and Gavin De Becker's *The Gift of Fear*.

Zero Contact – cut all contact, change your phone number, block, or quit all social media, ask friends to not give any personal information away.

Examine the Evidence – focus on what the abuser was/ is doing, not what they are saying. Their words mean nothing if their behaviour never matches them.

Practice Self-Compassion – don't blame yourself. This was not your fault. You are not stupid.

Personal Affirmations – work on self-esteem by connecting with your friends and family who support and love you. Practice positive self-talk. Treat yourself with the same kindness you would a friend.

Mindfulness – journal daily and keep your focus on the present not the past. Looking back can cloud your judgement of how bad things really were as we tend to reminisce about mostly the good.

Professional Help – look for a therapist that has the training and experience to help you overcome the challenges of leaving a toxic relationship. A therapist who will help hold you accountable in taking care of yourself, and help you build back your eroded self-esteem.

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Dear Symons Valley Communities,

As we approach the holiday season, it's time to set aside a day not just for shopping and indulgence, but for something far more meaningful. Giving Tuesday is a day dedicated to the spirit of generosity and giving back to our communities. We invite you to join us in making a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

What is Giving Tuesday?

Giving Tuesday, often stylized as #GivingTuesday, began in 2012. It follows the consumer-focused days of Black Friday and Cyber Monday and reminds us of the true essence of the holiday season. It's a day to give rather than receive, to support causes close to our hearts, and to make a positive impact on the world.

Why Giving Matters

Giving back to your community is an essential way to strengthen it. Whether it's helping a local charity, food bank, or non-profit organization, your contributions can directly benefit those in need.

Every donation, no matter how big or small, has the power to create positive change.

How You Can Get Involved

Joining the Giving Tuesday movement is easy, and there are countless ways to participate:

- Consider making a financial contribution to our park project through our partner Parks Foundation Calgary.
 Every dollar counts and can make a significant impact.
 You'll also receive a tax deduction for your contribution.
- If you have time to spare, volunteering your skills or time to us would be helpful. We are in constant need of dedicated volunteers.
- Use social media, email, or word of mouth to raise awareness about Giving Tuesday and our park project. Encourage friends and family to get involved too.

Our Giving Tuesday Initiative

Symons Valley Leisure and Amenities Society is excited to announce our Giving Tuesday initiative for this year.

On November 28, we hope you'll help us with our goal to raise \$5,000 in one day. This money will be used to continue working towards our engineering and design estimates.

We invite all of you to be a part of this meaningful event and help us make a positive impact in our community.

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Giving Tuesday, which falls on November 28. It's a day when we can come together to show the world the incredible power of generosity.

With gratitude,

Kris McPherson, President - Symons Valley Leisure and Amenities Society







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Winter is coming, and with it comes a set of challenges for commuters. For those relying on Calgary Transit, knowing how to get in touch with the city for complaints and service requests can make all the difference. Fortunately, Calgary Transit has streamlined this process, ensuring that passengers can report concerns promptly and efficiently through their online platform.

Passengers can address bus schedule issues, route problems, and more at www.calgarytransit.com. Visit the "Contact Us" page, and then click "Learn more" at the bottom right. Here, you can submit a service request or complaint online, which helps The City track common issues and make adjustments for a seamless winter commute.

For a broader range of concerns, including transit issues, public safety, and even potholes, Calgary 311 is your go-to resource. You can call 311 directly, or visit www.calgary.ca/311 to submit complaints online or download the 311 app. This multifaceted platform empowers residents to actively engage with The City, ensuring that all issues, big or small, are tracked and resolved efficiently.

Using these online tools is not just convenient; it's a crucial way for the city to gather data and identify concerns swiftly. By reporting these issues, passengers contribute to a safer, more efficient transit system. Timely data empowers the city to respond to complaints, adjust routes, and enhance services in real-time, ensuring everyone's winter commute is as smooth as possible.

As winter approaches, your active involvement ensures a transit system that caters to your needs. By using both Calgary Transit's online complaint system and Calgary 311, you actively contribute to a city that responds promptly, making winter travels safe, convenient, and efficient for everyone. Together, let's navigate winter seamlessly, making Calgary Transit a service that truly works for the people it serves.



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Hello residents of Calgary-Foothills! Happy Gurpurab and Happy Diwali to all those celebrating this November. Thank you to all those who attended our Constituency Office Grand Opening. It was great to see everyone; we are truly building a community and I look forward to hosting more events to bring people together.

As your elected representative, I have been connecting with local constituents, schools, places of worship, and other organizations to learn how I can best advocate for our neighbourhoods. Last month, my office hosted a Schools Town Hall where we heard from parents about how we can better support students in our area. My commitment is to continue working with our local School Board Trustees to advocate for more elementary and middle schools in our area and improve our school bus transportation system. There is much work to be done.

In addition to schools, other issues I have heard from constituents about include pensions, affordable housing, cost of living, and clear-cut logging in Kananaskis. Constituents tell me they believe the CPP is a safe, reliable program, and they do not want the UCP Government withdrawing from this retirement savings plan, so I will fight to protect your CPP. I am also concerned that the renewables moratorium signals to investors that Alberta is not open for business. I will continue to meet with technology entrepreneurs to advocate for innovative new technologies in order to grow our economy.

I take your concerns very seriously and look forward to raising these issues in the legislature. If you have a story or concern you want me to share, please let me know.

Finally, I want to remind you that my office is available to assist you with accessing provincial resources and also offers services such as notarizing documents, letters of support, and more.



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I enjoyed attending various fall celebrations in Calgary. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to plan and carry out successful events to help build our communities.

Since Parliament has returned this fall, I have worked diligently to represent you and ensure the government is being held to account. The federal government is responsible for the cost-of-living crisis, which continues to deepen. The federal carbon tax continues to make gas, home heating, and food more expensive. As winter approaches, it will force many Calgarians to make tough financial decisions.

Housing affordability has also become a crisis for many Calgarians. Home ownership is increasingly out of reach, mortgage payments are going up, and rent is increasingly unaffordable. In response to this crisis, Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre recently tabled The Building Homes Not Bureaucracy Act that will require cities to increase the number of houses built by 15% each year, and then 15% on top of the previous target every single year. Federal transit funding provided to certain cities will not arrive until those stations are surrounded by high-density residential buildings. This bill would also require the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure, and Communities to report on the inventory of federal buildings and land. He would need to identify land suitable for housing construction and to propose a plan to sell at least 15% of any federal buildings and all land that would be appropriate for housing. These properties would need be placed on the market within eighteen months.

I look forward to tackling these issues with common sense solutions during the fall sitting of the House of Commons.

Please reach out to me or my staff with questions, concerns, or requests for assistance at pat.kelly@parl.gc.ca or 403-282-7980.

Thanks!



by Abby, Spark Leader

The 165th Sparks have an exciting year ahead of them! They've started the year off with some fun activities learning about what it means to be a Spark, the Spark Song, and their promise, "I promise to share and be a friend." The Sparks are now learning about Girl Guide Cookies and got to do their first cookie stand this year on September 23, at Nolan Hill Sobeys!

They especially liked the part where they got to sample their product as a reward for their hard work. The girls also brainstormed what activities they want to do this year like going to the Calgary Zoo, playing tag, and doing crafts! Moving forward, they are going to learn about the Spark story, enrollment ceremonies, and campfire songs! The 165th Sparks are excited for bridging activities with the 91st Pathfinders and 60th Rangers, doing a litter chase before it gets too cold, and a winter pajama party before winter break! The upcoming year will be packed with fun and new friends!



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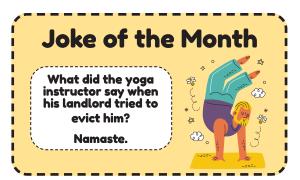
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