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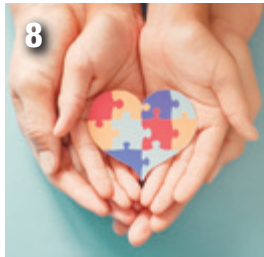
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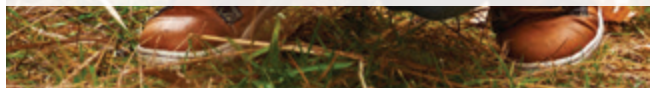


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Sage Hill Memberships

Sage Hill Community Association memberships are completely free to residents. By registering, you'll have your voice heard at our AGM, gain access to our programs and events, and support your community!

Memberships are the heart of our organization, and we can't do it without you! A strong membership base allows us to schedule events such as our Stampede Breakfast, Neighbour Day, Parade of Garage Sales, and more!

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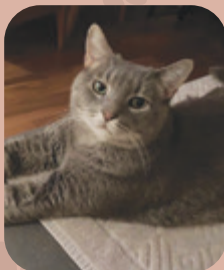




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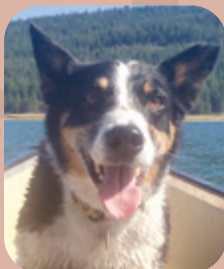
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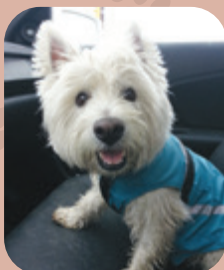
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Building More Than a Park

It's been a while since I provided an update through these pages! Thanks to the efforts of our communications volunteers doing a lot of the writing but work on Symons Valley Park has continued steadily behind the scenes—and there is plenty to be excited about.

Symons Valley Park is being created as a year-round destination where neighbours from Kincora, Nolan Hill, Sage Hill, and Sherwood can play, connect, and unwind. The vision includes playgrounds, sport courts, pathways, gathering areas, picnic and barbecue spaces, an amphitheatre, and other amenities designed for residents of all ages.

One of our most significant recent milestones is a \$500,000 commitment from Parks Foundation Calgary. This support brings us another important step closer to making the community's vision a reality. We are incredibly grateful for the Foundation's confidence in the project and for the residents, volunteers, partners, and supporters who have helped build momentum.

September also brings another opportunity to gather as neighbours. Movie at the Park is planned for September 12. Please watch our website and social media channels for the latest event details. Whether you are reading this before the movie or it has already taken place, thank you to everyone who participates in community events and helps create the sense of connection this park is intended to foster.

There is still considerable work ahead, particularly as we continue building the partnerships and funding needed to move toward construction. Community support remains essential. Every share, donation, volunteer hour, and introduction to a potential partner helps move the park forward.

Symons Valley Park is about more than amenities. It is about creating a welcoming place where children can play, families can gather, and neighbours can build lasting connections.

Thank you for continuing to believe in this project. Together, we are building something that will serve our communities for generations.

Warm regards,

Symons Valley Leisure and Amenities Society

www.symonsvalleypark.ca

A Small Act of Kindness Can Change a Day

by Rebecca Pink, Registered Provisional Psychologist



Kindness may seem like a simple gesture, but I believe that it's one of the most powerful things we can offer another human being and ourselves.

We live in a world that moves quickly. We are often rushing from one responsibility to the next, reacting instead of pausing, making assumptions instead of asking questions. It's easy to forget that every person we encounter is carrying a story that we know nothing about.

The person that seems impatient may be overwhelmed. The friend who's been quiet may be grieving or dealing with things privately. The parent who appears distracted may be carrying worries they haven't shared with anyone. Even the people who seem to have it together may be quietly fighting battles no one else can see. The truth is that we are all living complex realities. That is why kindness matters so much.

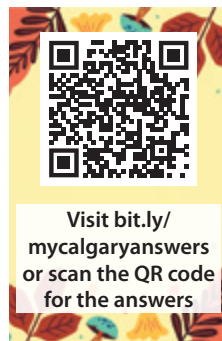
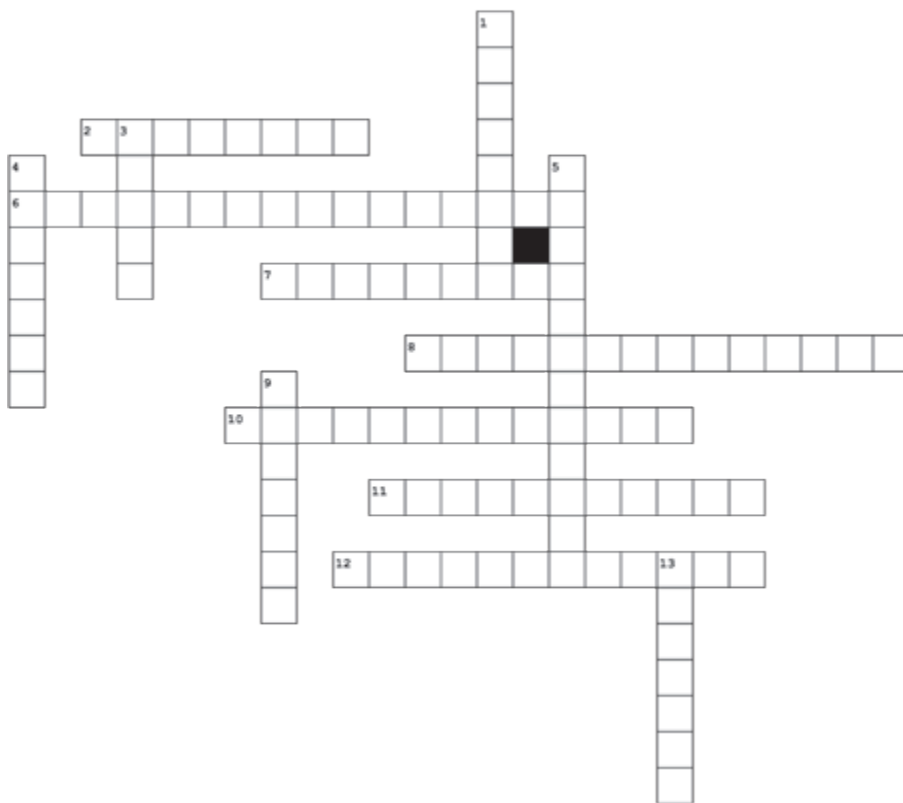
Kindness isn't about having the perfect words or fixing someone else's problems. Sometimes it's a smile, a

little extra patience, a warm greeting, a great big hug, or choosing compassion over criticism. Sometimes it's simply giving someone the benefit of the doubt and being open to their perspective and being aware of subjective realities. Perhaps the person who needs that kindness today is you.

We can be incredibly generous with others while being our harshest critic. What if we extended ourselves the same grace we so willingly offer those we love, respect, and care for? Imagine what could happen if each of us choose kindness first. Every person is carrying a story and lived experiences that we may never fully understand. We may not know what someone else is carrying, but we can always decide how we show up. Kindness, no matter how small, has a way of reaching further than we realize. Sometimes the smallest moments of compassion are the ones that stay with us the longest.

Take good care.

September Crossword



Across

2. Used for carrying textbooks and other school supplies, this item is a back-to-school essential.
6. This American band is known for their classic songs, "Let's Groove" and "September."
7. These bears are the smallest variety found in Canada.
8. First airing in 2013, this fun kid's cartoon follows a young boy with his gem companions across the galaxy.
10. Make a stop here in September and you will find a variety of apples, pears, and figs for sale.
11. *The Long Walk*, a film starring Copper Hoffman, is an adaptation of the novel by this famous author.
12. *The Rise and Fall of a Midwest Princess*. The album released September 22, 2023 was written by this up-and-coming pop singer.

Down

1. This vibrant blue stone representing loyalty and the divine is also the birthstone for September.
3. This bright purple flower is considered September's primary birth flower.
4. Born September 4, 1981, in Houston Texas; this famous singer got her start in the girl group Destiny's Child.
5. This English author wrote *Animal Farm* and *1984*. These novels are typically assigned reading in schools even 80 years after their release.
9. In the world of theatre, speaking the name of this Shakespearean play is considered bad luck. Instead, they refer to it as, "The Scottish Play."
13. This mythical beast is sometimes called, "Canadian Nessie."



Are You a Member? What Does It Mean for You?

Hello Sage Hill Homeowners,

Sage Hill is a vibrant, growing, and truly unique community—one that stands out from many others. Unlike neighbourhoods that are supported by a single Homeowners Association (HOA) or Residents Association (RA), Sage Hill has a more dynamic structure.

Currently, there are two associations serving parts of our community—SHRA and Symons Gate Homeowners Association (SGHOA)—together covering roughly half of Sage Hill. Other areas, including Sage Meadows, Sage Crest, Sage Walk, and our business district, are not part of an HOA or RA at all.

What Does This Mean for You as a Resident?

An HOA/RA is typically a mandatory, legally binding organization tied to property ownership (meaning, it's on your land title).

- **Membership:** Required when you buy a home in that part of the community.
- **Fees:** Mandatory dues (often annually).
- **Authority:** Can enforce rules (bylaws), issue fines, and place liens in some cases.
- **Responsibilities:** Maintains owned property (e.g., entrance ways, landscaping, amenities).

Community Associations (CA)

A community association (like SHCA) is usually a voluntary, nonprofit group focused on building community and represents all of Sage Hill.

- **Membership:** Optional (often free or low-cost)
- **Fees:** Typically, none or minimal
- **Authority:** No legal enforcement power over your property or public/private lands
- **Responsibilities:** Organizes events, advocates for the neighbourhood, connects residents

It's important to know that the HOA/RA and the Community Association (CA) are completely separate organizations, each operating independently with no shared legal or financial connection in Sage Hill.

Why We're Sharing This Information

We are sharing this information to be transparent and to acknowledge that financial challenges can arise

when it comes time to pay fees. At the same time, we want to highlight that, statistically, a significant portion of long-term outstanding accounts are associated with condominium units and are not tied to the Condominium Fees as well. In some cases, these properties are owned as long-term rental investments, and owners may not reside within the unit or the city, which can contribute to delays in payment.

Like all HOAs/RAs, there is a defined process for fee collection. Typically, associations allow a grace period before pursuing further action. In some communities, this grace period may extend beyond one year, while others may initiate legal steps sooner.

Stay Informed. Get Involved. Be Part of Your Community RA and CA AGMs!

This is your opportunity to stay informed about what's happening in your community and to have a voice in its future.

By attending the SHRA Annual General Meeting (AGM), you'll learn more about the work being done on your behalf—such as the installation of additional boulevard planters, which are maintained and refreshed throughout both the summer and winter seasons. You'll also gain insight into the ongoing care of our two private entranceways and three community pathways, all owned by the SHRA.

Looking ahead, SHRA is currently in discussions with the City of Calgary to explore the installation of electrical outlets along some boulevards—an exciting initiative that would allow for more extensive and vibrant Christmas light displays during the winter season.

In addition, we are actively working on several projects to further enhance and beautify our neighbourhood, and in collaboration with the Community Association, support and help where we can.

These are just a few examples of the updates, initiatives, and future plans you'll discover by attending the AGM.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming signage with details on the date, time, and location. The AGM is typically held between April and June.

Thank you for your time, and we encourage you to connect to the SHRA or SHCA with the links provided below if you have any questions.

SHRA: www.shra.ca

SHCA: www.sagehilllyyc.com

Regards,



Ron Howey

President, Sage Hill Residents Association

MOON FESTIVAL

The Moon Festival, or Mid-Autumn Festival, takes place on September 25 this year. This is the second most celebrated Chinese holiday bringing good fortune and prosperity. Often celebrated by eating moon cakes, lighting lanterns and gathering for large family meals, the celebration dates back over 3,000 years and has variations that are celebrated all over East and Southeast Asia.

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The Calgary Cottonwoods

by Garth Paul Ukrainetz

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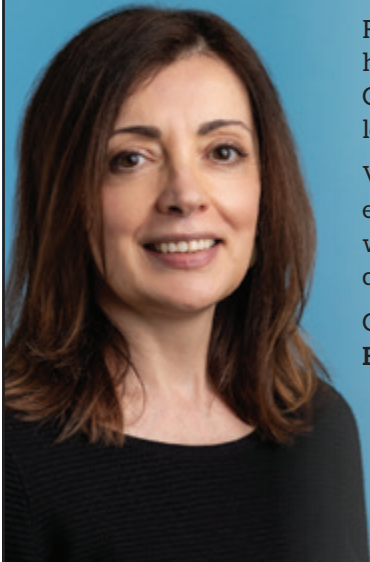
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Greetings residents of Calgary-Foothills!

I hope you've had a great summer! As September arrives, I wish all the best to students and families preparing to go back to school and offer a huge thank you to teachers and education workers who work tirelessly to inspire our students to do their best. We know the UCP government hasn't effectively addressed concerns in schools—95% of teachers reported feeling stressed about the future of teaching in Alberta. I will continue to advocate for more support for teachers, educational assistants, and push to build more local schools to reduce commute times for families.

Reminder: the UCP government scheduled a **referendum** vote for **October 19, 2026**. Premier Smith created **ten long, detailed questions** on Alberta separation, restricting healthcare & education for immigrants, and more. I recommend you read the full list on Elections Alberta's website. **Residents of Alberta eligible to vote in a provincial election can vote in the referendum.** There are advance voting days, and you can vote by mail. Contact my office, **info@elections.ab.ca** or **780-427-7191** to learn more.

People have asked me where I stand—Alberta New Democrats and I (as your local MLA/provincial representative) strongly believe **Alberta should remain within Canada**, and I will be **voting "NO" to the other nine questions**. We can't have a low turnout. Separatists are motivated to vote so the pro-Canada side must vote too. Today, and after October 19, I will remain a **proud Albertan AND Canadian**.

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