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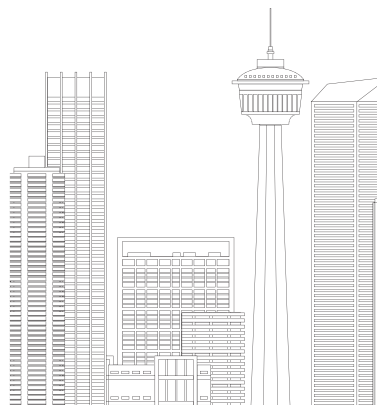


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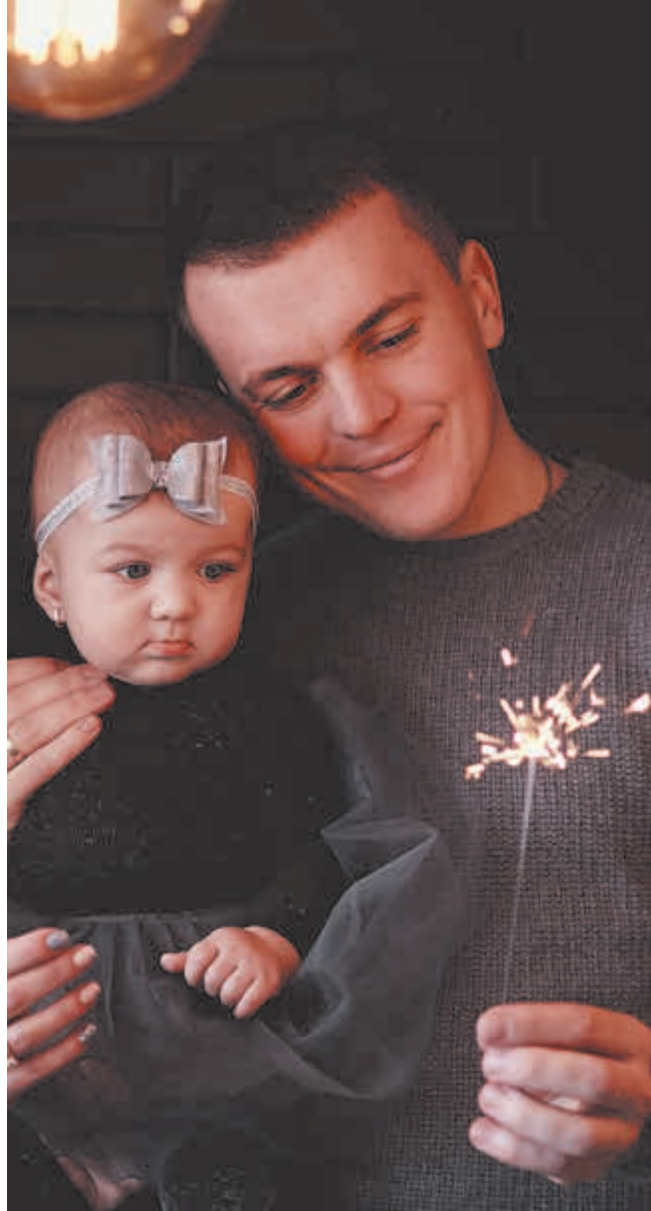
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Sledding Safety

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.

Eating Healthy in Winter and on a Budget

from Alberta Health Services

When it comes to choosing vegetables and fruits to eat, a variety is best. By choosing a variety, you'll be packing your diet with fibre, vitamins, and minerals. At mealtime, try to fill half your plate with vegetables and fruits.

Fresh produce is always a healthy choice, but canned and frozen vegetables and fruits are also good options. Canned vegetables and fruits can last for months and can be just as nutritious as fresh – plus, they may cost less. They are also pre-washed, cut, and cooked, saving you time when making meals.

Many types of frozen and canned produce are available throughout the year, so even when produce is not in season, there are lots of options to choose from.

Here are a few of our favourite ways to use canned vegetables and fruits:

- Use frozen fruits in baking.
- Thaw frozen fruit such as peach slices, and then add to yogurt or oatmeal for a breakfast or snack.
- Make an easy side dish from steamed frozen vegetables.
- Use frozen vegetables such as peppers when making a stir fry.

- When boiling pasta, add frozen vegetables such as broccoli to the pot near the end of cooking, and then top with pasta sauce after draining.
- Use frozen dark leafy greens such as kale and spinach in an omelet or smoothie.
- Use canned vegetables such as green beans, asparagus, carrots, and peas in pasta dishes or an omelet.
- Combine canned vegetables and canned beans for a quick lunch.
- Use canned corn, peas, or tomatoes in a stir fry.
- Use canned mushrooms or other vegetables in a chili.
- Add canned corn to a quesadilla.
- Make a quick vegetable soup by adding canned corn, tomatoes, and pinto beans to low-sodium chicken broth.
- Top your favourite canned fruit with some yogurt for dessert.

Be aware of the sodium (salt) and sugar content in canned or frozen vegetables. Choose canned vegetables with low-, reduced-, or no added sodium and then rinse the vegetables before using to lower the sodium content further.

Choose fruit canned in water instead of syrup or rinse it if it's in syrup. Choose frozen vegetables and fruit without added seasonings, breading, sauces, or sugars.

The nutrition facts table can always be used to compare similar foods. Aim for products that have less than 15 percent DV (daily value) in sodium or sugar.

National Hot Tea Day

We have ancient China to thank for tea, the most consumed beverage in the world aside from water. According to myth, tea was discovered when a dead leaf from a wild tea bush fell into an emperor's cup of boiled water. Thousands of years later, we still love tea, so much so that January 12 is National Hot Tea Day. In honour of this day, why not brew yourself a nice hot cup of tea!

Gentle Intentions

from Alberta Health Services

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.

Calgary Winters Are Safer When Everyone Pitches in to Clear Snow and Ice

from the City of Calgary

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Consider being a Snow Angel and clear the sidewalk of a neighbour who could use your help.

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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.

Chinese New Year: Celebrating a New Future for Calgary's Chinatown

by Karen Paul, a Director of the Calgary Heritage Initiative Society and contributor to Heritage Inspires YYC



Chinese Cultural Centre (Calgary Heritage Initiative)

Our first Chinatown was settled as the homestead for Chinese immigrants brought to build Canada's first transcontinental railway, the Canadian Pacific Railway. First established in 1883 at 8 Avenue and 2 Street SE where the Calgary Municipal Building is today, it was relocated to 10 Avenue and 1 Street SW after the Great Calgary Fire of 1886. In 1910, the Canadian Northern Railway announced plans for a train station and a hotel at the location of the second Chinatown. Speculation drove up land and property values, resulting in landlords selling their properties and displacing Chinese tenants for a second time. Despite racist opposition, Chinatown moved in 1910 to its third and current location at the foot of the Centre Street Bridge. The first building occupied was the Chinese-owned Canton Block, built by Chinese business owners despite opposition by Calgary lawyer James Short and others who promoted relocation of Chinatown. This rare surviving example of the Edwardian Commercial style remains as a community historic resource. Completion of the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre in 1992 signalled Chinatown's revival. Despite racist discrimination over the years, Chinatown has thrived, and the Chinese community has contributed significantly to Calgary as a multi-cultural city.

Its residences and businesses are enjoyed by Calgarians and visitors alike.

In 2016, the "Tomorrow's Chinatown" project was initiated in response to redevelopment pressures. In 2022, the City in close collaboration with the

community, completed the Chinatown Cultural Plan, Calgary's first such plan. It provides direction for investing in Chinatown's cultural future, considering the unique experiences and amenities that the community can offer. An Area Redevelopment Plan lays out a comprehensive planning vision for sensitive redevelopment in Chinatown.



Chinatown (Calgary Heritage Initiative)

An important first step in building trust and implementing the plan was the renaming of James Short Park and Parkade to Harmony Park in November 2022.

2023, the year of the rabbit, marks the 100th anniversary of the Chinese Exclusion Act, that banned immigration of Chinese people to Canada until 1947.

The Nine Superpowers of a Hug

by Nancy Bergeron RPsych | info@nancybergeron.ca



The past few years of limited physical contact have taken their toll as something essential has been missing. We celebrate, comfort, and show our affection with it. Yes, I'm speaking of a simple hug. The average length of a hug is three seconds. However, when a hug lasts at least 20 seconds, there is a therapeutic effect on the body and mind. Psychotherapist Virginia Satir stated, "We need four hugs a day for survival. We need eight hugs a day for maintenance. We need 12 hugs a day for growth." There is a great deal of scientific evidence related to the importance of hugs and physical contact. Here are nine of their superpowers:

1. Stimulates Oxytocin

Oxytocin is a neurotransmitter that affects the brain's emotional centre, promoting feelings of contentment, reducing anxiety and stress, and even making mammals monogamous. When we hug someone, oxytocin is released into our bodies by our pituitary gland, lowering both our heart rates and our cortisol levels. Cortisol is the hormone responsible for stress, high blood pressure, and heart disease.

2. Cultivates Patience

A hug is one of the easiest ways to show appreciation and acknowledgement of another person. The world is a busy, hustling-bustling place. By slowing down and taking a moment to offer sincere hugs throughout the day, we're benefitting ourselves, others, and cultivating better patience within ourselves.

3. Prevents Disease

Hugs have a direct response on the reduction of stress which prevents many diseases. The Touch Research Institute at the University of Miami School of Medicine says it has carried out more than 100 studies into touch and found evidence of significant effects, including faster growth in premature babies, reduced pain, decreased autoimmune disease symptoms, lowered glucose levels in children with diabetes, and improved immune systems in people with cancer.

4. Stimulates Thymus Gland

Hugs strengthen the immune system. The gentle pressure on the sternum and the emotional charge this creates activates the Solar Plexus Chakra. This stimulates the thymus gland, which regulates and balances the body's production of white blood cells, which keep you healthy and disease free.

5. Nonverbal Communication

Almost 70 percent of communication is nonverbal. The interpretation of body language can be based on a single gesture and hugging is an excellent method of expressing yourself nonverbally to another human being.

6. Boosts Self-Esteem

Hugging boosts self-esteem, especially in children. Tactile sense is all-important in infants. A baby recognizes its parents initially by touch. From the time we're born, our family's touch shows us that we're loved and special. The association of self-worth and tactile sensations from our early years are still imbedded in our nervous system as adults. The cuddles we received from our mom and dad while growing up remain imprinted at a cellular level, and hugs remind us at a somatic level of that. Hugs, therefore, connect us to our ability to self-love.

7. Stimulates Dopamine

Low dopamine levels play a role in the neurodegenerative disease Parkinson's, as well as mood disorders such as depression. Dopamine is responsible for giving us that feel-good feeling and is also responsible for motivation! Hugs stimulate brains to release dopamine, the pleasure hormone. Dopamine sensors are the areas that many stimulating drugs such as cocaine and methamphetamine target.

8. Stimulates Serotonin

Hugging releases endorphins and serotonin into the blood vessels. The released endorphins and serotonin cause pleasure and negate pain and sadness, and decrease the chances of getting heart problems, help fight excess weight, and prolong life. Even the cuddling of pets has a soothing effect that reduces stress levels. Hugging for an extended time lifts one's serotonin levels, elevating mood and creating happiness.

9. Activates Parasympathetic System

Hugs balance out the nervous system. The skin contains a network of tiny, egg-shaped pressure centres called Pacinian corpuscles that can sense touch, and which are in contact with the brain through the vagus nerve. The skin response of someone receiving and giving a hug shows a change in skin conductance and suggests a more balanced state in the nervous system.

Make the new year a good one by using the superpower we all have. But don't forget to ask permission first!



Thorncliffe Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Thorncliffe
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
November 2022	\$324,900	\$314,750
October 2022	\$449,900	\$439,000
September 2022	\$429,000	\$410,000
August 2022	\$455,000	\$439,000
July 2022	\$339,750	\$324,500
June 2022	\$399,900	\$389,000
May 2022	\$499,900	\$485,000
April 2022	\$474,900	\$468,500
March 2022	\$419,900	\$450,000
February 2022	\$502,500	\$530,900
January 2022	\$449,900	\$452,500
December 2021	\$342,450	\$333,125

Last 12 Months Thorncliffe
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
November 2022	7	4
October 2022	7	15
September 2022	11	11
August 2022	13	17
July 2022	16	8
June 2022	17	17
May 2022	22	11
April 2022	19	17
March 2022	22	19
February 2022	17	14
January 2022	12	11
December 2021	5	12

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Greenview Real Estate Update

Last 12 Months Greenview
MLS Real Estate Sale Price Update

	Average Asking Price	Average Sold Price
November 2022	\$262,450	\$255,000
October 2022	\$209,900	\$205,000
September 2022	\$164,950	\$159,950
August 2022	\$179,900	\$183,000
July 2022	\$199,900	\$199,800
June 2022	\$205,000	\$240,000
May 2022	\$205,000	\$238,100
April 2022	\$158,800	\$148,500
March 2022	\$198,950	\$196,500
February 2022	\$171,900	\$162,500
January 2022	\$389,700	\$382,500
December 2021	\$193,400	\$187,500

Last 12 Months Greenview
MLS Real Estate Number of Listings Update

	No. New Properties	No. Properties Sold
November 2022	6	4
October 2022	5	3
September 2022	3	4
August 2022	7	5
July 2022	7	3
June 2022	6	7
May 2022	9	7
April 2022	7	7
March 2022	10	8
February 2022	5	5
January 2022	3	4
December 2021	1	2

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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.

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Thank you for your attention,
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Happy New Year. While the last year continued to present challenges for many in our community it is my hope that 2023 will see positive change.

Thank you to the many individuals in our community who supported the NHCA's 'Gift of Joy' program by donating a toy or gift for families in need. I was proud to partner with them for this important initiative – especially during these challenging economic times. Thank you to the many organizations and volunteers that are supporting individuals in our community.

As Parliament resumes later this month, I remain focused on the issue of inflation and the affordability crisis that so many are dealing with. As your voice in Ottawa, I am committed to finding real solutions to the challenges facing those in Calgary.

I continue to hear from residents who are very concerned about their employment situation. As such, I was proud to sponsor a petition calling on the federal government to create more jobs in western Canada. This petition is available for signature until January 27 and can be found on my website at <https://mprempe.ca/petitions>.

I expect to see a federal budget later this spring and will be conducting pre-budget consultations in our community. Should you have any information that you wish to add, please do not hesitate to contact me at michelle.rempel@parl.gc.ca.

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